

## Analysis: With 'America First,' where do human rights rank?

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — If it's an "America First" presidency, where does that rank human rights?

President Donald Trump's refusal to put public pressure on Saudi Arabia over the disappearance of journalist Jamal Khashoggi is raising a question that has dogged his foreign policy. In dealing with Russia, across Asia and, this week, in the Mideast, Trump has often appeared comfortable downplaying concerns about rights abuses and dismissing the importance of U.S. moral leadership.

The onetime real estate mogul is as likely to let U.S. financial or security interests guide his choices and his words.



In this May 20, 2017 file photo, U.S. President Donald Trump holds a sword and dances with traditional dancers during a welcome ceremony at Murabba Palace, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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# Melania Trump visits babies, moms affected by opioid crisis



First lady Melania Trump waves as she leaves the stage during a visit to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018.

45 years. She was introduced by Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, who said the Trump administration's plan to fight the opioid epidemic was "comprehensive and driven by the best science we've got."

She began her remarks by saying "sorry for a little delay."

Mrs. Trump said there are few things harder than seeing a newborn suffering from opioid withdrawal, and that she wants to shine a light on the issue.

"As the caretakers of the next generation, it is our responsibility to protect our most valuable and vulnerable, our children," she said. After touring Jefferson's neonatal care unit, the first lady was also going to visit with mothers who are in addiction treatment in a program that allows them to have their children with them.

According to reporters traveling with the first lady, the original flight was in the air about 10 minutes when smoke filled the cabin. A member of the crew handed out damp washcloths for passengers to put over their mouths, and Secret Service agents rushed to the front of the plane.

It was not immediately clear what caused the problem on the aircraft, a Boeing C-32A identified as "Bright Star."

The visit was one of a number of stops planned to promote her "Be Best" campaign, which focuses on issues affecting children, including the importance of healthy pregnancies. □

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**Associated Press**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — First lady Melania Trump toured a hospital's neonatal care unit Wednesday to learn about the treatment given to newborns experiencing opioid withdrawal, after she was initially delayed by mechanical problems on her plane.

Her flight was forced to return to a Washington-area military base because of smoke in the cabin, and she took a different plane to make the trip to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Trump spoke briefly at a conference at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital on newborns who have been exposed to opioids while in the womb.

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In an Associated Press interview Tuesday, Trump repeated the Saudi royals' denials of any involvement in Khashoggi's apparent killing and suggested he trusted them.

"I spoke to the crown prince, so you have that. He said he and his father knew nothing about it. And that was very important," Trump said. He compared blame directed at the Saudis over Khashoggi, who Turkish officials have said was killed in the Saudis' Istanbul consulate, to the allegations of sexual assault leveled against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh during his confirmation hearing. Both, he suggested, had been considered "guilty until proven innocent."

Not many U.S. leaders would cast Saudi Arabia as innocent. Saudi Arabia is engaged in a bloody civil war in Yemen that has killed thousands of civilians and exacerbated a famine that has killed many more. Domestically, the absolute monarchy strictly regulates speech and dress, and its security services have been accused of torture.

Trump has shown no interest in calling out the kingdom over Khashoggi — or calling out Russian President Vladimir Putin on assassinations or North Korea's Kim Jong Un on political prisoners. Where past presidents in both parties used their office to promote U.S. values and ideals — even when their action didn't align — Trump has rarely seized the chance. Instead, he says what others would not, openly embracing the compromises he justifies as best for the American bottom line.

"We're not going to walk away from Saudi Arabia. I don't want to do that," he told Fox Business News on Wednesday.

Trump made clear that he was prioritizing the nation's economy, not morality.

"I don't like stopping massive amounts of money that is being poured into our country," Trump said

last week. "I know they are talking about different kinds of sanctions, but (the Saudis) are spending \$110 billion on military equipment and on things that create jobs for this country. I don't like the concept of stopping an investment of \$110 billion into the United States."

White House aides have suggested that while Trump is reluctant to criticize certain world leaders publicly — most notably when he did not upbraid Putin at their Helsinki summit — he has been willing to deliver tough messages behind closed doors. They have pointed to his discipline with Kim and Egypt's Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, two authoritarian leaders who eventually released Americans held in their custody.

Still, Trump's transactional approach isn't sitting well with some of his Republican allies in Congress. His party for years championed the idea that the U.S. had a duty to promote U.S. values and human rights and even to intervene when they are challenged. Some Republicans have urged Trump not to abandon that view.

"I'm open to having Congress sit down with the president if this all turns out to be true, and it looks like it is, ... and saying, 'How can we express our condemnation without blowing up the Middle East?'" said Sen. John Kennedy, R-La. "Our foreign policy has to be anchored in values."

Trump dismisses the notion that he buddies up to dictators, but he does not express a sense that U.S. leadership extends beyond the U.S. border.

In an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" that aired Sunday, he brushed aside his own assessment that Putin was "probably" involved in assassinations and poisonings.

"But I rely on them," he said. "It's not in our country."

Relations between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia are complex. The two nations are entwined on energy, military, economic and intelligence issues. The Trump



President Donald Trump listens in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018, during a meeting with workers. The meeting with workers was on, "Cutting the Red Tape, Unleashing Economic Freedom."

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administration has aggressively courted the Saudis for support of its Middle East agenda to counter Iranian influence, fight extremism and try to forge peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

One key for the U.S. ad-

ministration has been the bond between two young princes. Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman are frequently in contact, and their relationship played a role in Riyadh being the unlikely first

stop on the new American president's maiden international trip in 2017. Trump, despite endorsing a travel ban on many Muslim-majority countries, became the first U.S. president to make his official first trip to an Islamic nation. □

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## Democrats' not-so-secret plan to fight midterm malaise

By **JUANA SUMMERS**  
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**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

They're asking pastors to text their congregants about the importance of voting. They're connecting with thousands of Puerto Ricans displaced by Hurricane Maria. And they're relying on groups like the NAACP, which has tripled its spending from 2016 to energize black voters.

Less than three weeks before Election Day, Democrats are sparing nothing to make sure their voters head to the polls. It's all part of an effort to avoid the disappointment of previous elections when low turnout dashed high expectations.

"2016 was a low point for a lot of us," said Jamal Watkins, vice president of engagement at the NAACP. "People have awakened and said, 'Wait a minute, we can't lose, and we can't lose like this.' Folks are fired up to reinvest in turnout."

Younger voters and voters of color tend to stay home in non-presidential elections, making the midterm electorate older, whiter and more Republican-tilting. But that could change this year, Democrats and outside groups say, if unprecedented efforts to reach so-called infrequent voters galvanize people who previously sat on the sidelines.

Democrats have reason for optimism: The party saw strong turnout in nearly a dozen federal special elections ahead of the midterms, with Democratic candidates consistently outperforming Republicans.

But the organizing flurry comes amid concerns over ballot access and election security, which have be-



In this Aug. 24, 2018 photo, Betty L. Petty of Sunflower County Parents and Students United, addresses a meeting of the Black Voters Matter Fund and several Mississippi grassroots organizations at MACE, Mississippi Action for Community Education, headquarters in Greenville, Miss.

come a flashpoint in the high-profile gubernatorial race in Georgia. There is also mounting anxiety about whether efforts to mobilize Latino voters will translate into votes, particularly in several key races in heavily Latino districts.

The party is spending big to ward against such threats. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the party's arm focused on House races, is spending more than \$25 million in 45 battleground districts to mobilize female voters, millennials, African-Americans and Hispanics, officials said. That's a far more significant investment than past cycles.

The committee is putting an emphasis on turning out African-American women, including running advertising focused on black women ages 18-39 in more than 40 districts. The DCCC has also run Spanish-language TV and radio ads across the country.

Between field efforts and paid media, voters of color in targeted swing districts will have heard from the DCCC more than 100 times in the closing 60 days of the election. And in a twist, some of the outreach this year will be facilitated by local community leaders instead of anonymous politicians.

"As an example of the local voter contact and text messaging program that we are doing, we are partnering with a series of pastors and local validators across the country," said DCCC Executive Director Dan Sena. "When you're getting a text message saying 'hey - early vote's starting,' you're not getting it from someone in Washington D.C. You're actually getting it from somebody in Georgia that has a big delegation, or you're getting it from someone on campus that you know."

The Democratic National Committee also beefed

up its voter database, purchasing 94 million cell-phone numbers, according to a DNC official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal strategy. The official said the additional cell phone numbers have helped with voter contact in key races across the country, including encouraging sporadic voters to participate.

Republicans say they have their own well-organized, well-funded turnout machine that dwarfs Democrats' efforts.

A Republican National Committee aide said the organization has raised more than \$270 million this cycle, invested in 28 states, more than 540 paid staffers and thousands of volunteers focused on turning out Republicans who don't vote often and swing voters who participate more frequently. The committee raised more than \$163 million during roughly the same period ahead of the

2014 midterms. The aide said the RNC has made more than 50 million voter contacts, either over the phone or by going door-to-door.

The Democratic organization effort goes beyond the traditional party structure. NextGen America, the advocacy group backed by billionaire environmentalist and donor Tom Steyer, is injecting more money into a closing push to rally young voters. The group will spend more than \$4 million on digital ads across 11 states, targeting more than 4.3 million young voters. NextGen is also running the first political ads on Twitch, a popular video streaming service, as well as places like Reddit, Spotify and Pandora.

"Young people in general feel like they've really been shut out of the system," said Aleigha Cavalier, a spokeswoman for NextGen America. "Our goal with digital is to find a message that works for them and actually put it where their eyeballs will see it."

The Human Rights Campaign's Equality Votes PAC launched a more than \$2 million campaign across eight key races spanning digital, direct mail, text and phone voter contact.

The NAACP's campaign is targeting more than 5 million "infrequent" black voters, including in the key states of Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, in a \$6 million voter mobilization push, up from \$2 million spent on mobilization in 2016.

The push includes upward of 20 staffers focused on mobilizing black voters, the majority of those, according to Watkins, working in key states with thousands of on-the-ground volunteers. □





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## Treasury employee charged in leak linked to Mueller's probe

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A Treasury Department employee was accused Wednesday of leaking confidential banking reports of suspects charged in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, and an unidentified high-ranking colleague was cited in court papers as a co-conspirator but was not charged.

Natalie Mayflower Sours Edwards, a senior official at the department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, also known as FinCEN, is accused of leaking several confidential suspicious activity reports to a journalist, whose name was not disclosed in court papers. But the documents list about a dozen stories published by BuzzFeed News over the past year and a half.

A spokesman for the news organization declined to comment.

According to the government, the material included reports on former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort and political consultant Richard Gates, as well as Maria Butina, who is accused of trying to infiltrate U.S. political organizations as a covert Russian agent.

Edwards is currently on administrative leave, FinCEN spokesman Steve Hudak said.

Banks must file the suspicious activity reports with the Treasury Department when they spot transactions that raise questions about possible financial misconduct such as money laundering.

When federal agents confronted Edwards this week, she described herself as a whistleblower and said she had provided the reports to the reporter for "record-keeping," the court papers said.

Geoffrey Berman, the U.S.

attorney in Manhattan, where the criminal complaint was filed, said Edwards "betrayed her position of trust by repeatedly disclosing highly sensitive information."

Edwards is alleged to have taken photographs of the confidential documents and sent them to a reporter using an encrypted messaging app, according to court documents. Edwards also sent the reporter internal Treasury Department emails, investigative memos and intelligence assessments, prosecutors allege. When she was arrested, Edwards was in possession of a flash drive containing the confidential reports, prosecutors said.

Edwards had worked from 2007 to 2010 in the human resources and professional development office at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, spokeswoman April Langwell said.



**This image provided by the Alexandria Sheriff's Department shows a mug shot of Natalie Mayflower Edwards. Associated Press**

She made an initial court appearance Wednesday in Virginia and was released on a \$100,000 bond. Her attorney did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Court papers also list another FinCEN employee as a co-conspirator, noting that this person exchanged more than 300 messages

with the reporter via an encrypted messaging application. This person has not been charged and was not named in the court papers and was identified only as an associate director at FinCEN to whom Edwards reported.

According to court papers, federal investigators obtained a court order to monitor the calls to and from the associate director's personal cellphone, and the monitoring captured the frequency of contacts with the reporter via the encrypted messaging application.

Court papers do not detail the contents of those messages.

"Protecting sensitive information is one of our most critical responsibilities, and it is a role that we take very seriously," said Sigal Mandelker, the Treasury Department's undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence. □

## NYT: Condo owners vote to strip Trump name from building

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Another building is stripping Trump off its entrance.

The New York Times reported Wednesday that residents of Trump Place on the Upper West Side of Manhattan have joined three other buildings in the neighborhood in stripping the president's brassy five-letter name from their 46-story building in another sign that the brand is losing some of its appeal.

The move follows reports of losses at some of President

Donald Trump's golf courses, and decisions by several hotels that had licensed the president's name to drop it.

The name had become controversial among the building's residents during Trump's campaign and presidency.

Owners in the 377-unit tower were worried about the resale value of their condos and also raised concerns about security in condo meetings.

But potential legal and



**In this Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018 file photo, gold letters spell out "Trump Place" on the front of a New York City condominium building.**

**Associated Press**

other costs of removing Trump's name kept some from pushing harder for a change.

Then in May, a judge ruled that the Trump Organization was wrong in asserting a contract that obligated residents to keep the name. That freed the way for a formal vote and, in a poll that ended Oct. 10, nearly 70 percent of owners who voted said they wanted to change the name, according to the The New York Times. □



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## New deal keeps open facility that detains immigrant families

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**

**Associated Press**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — The U.S. government has quietly reached a new agreement to keep open a 2,400-bed detention facility used to detain immigrant mothers and children, in a lucrative arrangement for a private prison company and the tiny South Texas town where it's located.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement last month signed a contract with the city of Dilley, where the South Texas Family Residential Center opened in 2014. Dilley signed a contract at the same time with CoreCivic, the private prison operator that runs the detention center, the largest facility of its kind in the U.S. The city released both contracts to The Associated Press last week in response to an open records request.

ICE said it was replacing an arrangement dating to President Barack Obama's administration that the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general criticized this year as violating budget guidelines and wasting money. But the new arrangement has some of the same features the inspector general criticized.

When it opened the facility in 2014, the U.S. was seeing a surge of women and children immigrating from Central America. ICE argued it had an urgent need for family bed space and had to circumvent government standards for contracting, which require a bidding process and extensive reviews.

ICE modified an existing detention agreement with the city of Eloy, Arizona, to include the Dilley facility, 900 miles (1,450 kilometers)



**This Aug. 9, 2018, file photo provided by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shows a scene from a tour of South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas.**

away. Eloy technically ran the facility, but routed ICE money to CoreCivic, then known as the Corrections Corporation of America. The inspector general said in a February audit that ICE improperly modified the Eloy contract and that it should have avoided creating a "middleman" and reached an agreement directly with the company operating the facility. Also, not conducting a bidding process may have led ICE to overpay for services at the detention facility, the audit said.

ICE spokeswoman Nina Pruneda said Tuesday that the agency created the agreement with Dilley in response to the inspector general's concerns about Eloy, and that all other terms of the contract will remain the same.

ICE will pay Dilley about \$13 million a month for the cost of detaining immigrants at the facility. Dilley will then send almost all of that money to CoreCivic, mi-

nus administrative fees that add up to an estimated \$438,000 a year. That's a significant windfall for a city with a population of about 4,000 people that has an annual budget of \$2.1 million. Dilley already collects annual revenue-sharing payments from CoreCivic, with \$200,000 due in December.

CoreCivic will continue operating a facility that generated \$171 million in revenue last year.

ICE retains use of a facility that provides most of the 3,000 beds it has in family detention. That space is particularly critical as President Donald Trump's administration tries to detain immigrant families for longer and waive restrictions on the detention of children.

But immigrant advocacy groups say the contracts preserve an arrangement in which a local city's oversight is a technicality that lets ICE and CoreCivic to operate without public

scrutiny.

Claudia Valenzuela, director of the National Immigrant Justice Center's detention project, said the city, ICE and CoreCivic should explain how they reached the agreement. She questioned whether Dilley would actually be overseeing the facility given the money it is receiving from CoreCivic.

"I don't have too much faith ... that there's going to be a whole lot of push-back," she said.

Neither ICE nor CoreCivic announced the new agreement. The Dilley City Council met in closed session on Sept. 17 to discuss the two contracts, and interim city administrator David Jordan signed them one day later.

Both Jordan and Dilley Mayor Mary Ann Obregon, declined to comment on the agreement. CoreCivic also declined to comment. Bob Libal, executive director of the group Grassroots Leadership, said ICE may

have wanted to avoid the attention that other detention contracts have gotten. One county in Central Texas this year terminated its agreement with ICE and CoreCivic for a 500-bed facility long protested by Grassroots Leadership and others.

"It's an agency that tends to play by its own rules," Libal said.

Located on the site of a former "man camp" for oilfield workers, the family residential center is a major engine of jobs and taxes in Dilley. CoreCivic runs ads in the local newspaper advertising positions that start as high as \$20 an hour, and Obregon wrote a public letter last year lauding the facility.

ICE says detainees at Dilley are well cared for, with access to medical care and legal help.

But legal groups say immigrants are often traumatized by detention at Dilley and that some struggle to get health care. □

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## Retired Marine receives Medal of Honor for Vietnam actions

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Donald Trump presented the nation's highest military honor Wednesday to an 80-year-old retired Marine sergeant major who five decades ago "fought with unmatched bravery" at the beginning of one of the Vietnam War's longest and bloodiest battles.

John Canley's heroism includes twice scaling a hospital wall in view of the enemy to help wounded Marines and carry them to safety.

"I like brave people. You meet them right here," Trump said as he opened the ceremony. "Fifty years ago, an American Marine fought with unmatched bravery in one of the longest and bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War, the battle of Hue city."

According to the White House, Canley, a native of Caledonia, Arkansas, now living in Oxnard, California, fought off multiple enemy attacks over several days in January and February of 1968 while his company of about 150 men carried out a counter-offensive to



**U.S. Marine Corps retired Sgt. Maj. John Canley acknowledges the applause after being presented with the Medal of Honor by President Donald Trump during an East Room ceremony at the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018.**

retake the city of Hue from North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces, which numbered into the thousands. The operation by the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces became known as the Tet Offensive because coordinated attacks against targets in South Vietnam, including Hue,

were launched as the Vietnamese celebrated the lunar new year, or Tet holiday.

"He assaulted enemy strongholds, killed enemy fighters and with deadly accuracy did everything you had to do," Trump said. "He raced into heavy machine gun fire on many oc-

casions — all to save his fellow Marines. In one harrowing engagement after another, John risked his own life to save the lives of those under his command."

Canley took over after his commanding officer was severely wounded in the battle to retake Hue, which was held by at least 6,000

communist fighters, Trump said. On the fifth day of combat, Canley's company was charged with liberating the Joan of Arc school, which had become the communists' strategic and symbolic stronghold in the city. Machine gun fire greeted them. Canley and a colleague charged forward with rocket launchers, killing enemy fighters and driving them from their positions, Trump said.

"The enemy didn't know what the hell happened," Trump said.

Canley personally saved the lives of more than 20 Marines during seven days of "unrelenting combat," the president said.

As the years passed, some of the Marines who fought alongside Canley pushed for him to receive the highest commendation for a U.S. service member. After a review of the case, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis agreed in December 2017 that Canley was deserving of the honor.

Congress passed legislation waiving a five-year time limit on awarding the medal. Trump signed the bill into law in January. □

## Sheriff: Missing Wisconsin girl's parents were shot to death

By **TODD RICHMOND**  
Associated Press

**MADISON, Wis. (AP)** — A missing Wisconsin girl's parents were shot to death in their house while the girl was home, authorities said Wednesday as they urged the public to keep phoning in tips about her whereabouts.

Investigators have been searching for 13-year-old Jayme Closs since deputies responding to a 911 call

early Monday found her parents dead in their home in Barron. The girl, who was ruled out as a suspect on the first day, was gone when deputies arrived.

Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald said during a news conference Wednesday that autopsies confirmed that James and Denise Closs had been fatally shot and that their deaths have been ruled homicides.

He said no gun was found at the scene and that evidence from both the house and from the 911 call indicate Jayme Closs was in the family's home when her parents were killed.

Barron is about 80 miles (130 kilometers) northeast of Minneapolis. Fitzgerald said investigators still have a "100 percent expectation that she's alive," but that even though they've received more

than 400 tips, none have been of a credible sighting. He implored the public to share any suspicions, including any behavioral changes in people they know, no matter how small.

"We want to bring Jayme home and put that smile back in her family's hands," said Fitzgerald, who added that investigators don't know whether the attack was random or targeted. □



# UK, EU agree to take more Brexit time after no-result summit

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**JILL LAWLESS**

**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — European Union leaders gave themselves several more weeks — perhaps until the end of the year — to clinch a friendly divorce with Britain before their separation, after a Brexit summit Wednesday avoided any friction but also produced no tangible results. British Prime Minister Theresa May provided none of the substantial new proposals that EU Council chief Donald Tusk had urged her to bring to the table, giving the 27 other leaders little more than a plea for goodwill.

"The last stage will need courage, trust and leadership on both sides," May told her EU counterparts. Officials said there were hints that Britain might consider extending a post-Brexit transition period beyond the proposed 21 months to make talks on a future trade relationship easier. But the meeting that had been painted as a make-or-break moment for a Brexit deal ended with a whimper.

"Nothing new tonight," Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said after an evening when not exacerbating divisions with Britain was seen as a victory in itself.

Chief EU negotiator Michel Barnier said that "we need



A demonstrator protests in front of parliament in London, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018.

**Associated Press**

much time, much more time, and we continue to work in the next weeks" with his British counterpart. So uncertain was that prospect that a special EU summit on Brexit that had been penciled in for next month to finalize a deal was taken off the table. Rutte said EU leaders would assess the situation in the coming weeks and "stand ready to meet if necessary." The next official EU summit is scheduled for December.

Despite the lack of progress, the mood music at the summit was positive. May spoke of "working intensively over the next days and weeks" to achieve agreement that avoids a

no-deal departure from the bloc for Britain on March 29 that could create chaos at the borders and in the economy. A deal must be sealed soon so parliaments have time to give their verdict on it.

Underscoring the new-found sense of non-urgency, Prime Minister Sebastian Kurz of Austria, which holds the rotating EU presidency, even spoke of the "coming weeks and months" to get a deal and sought to impose a soothing calm.

"There's no need to dramatize matters. It's always the case with negotiations, that in the end there are challenges," Kurz said.

May addressed other EU

leaders before they gathered for a dinner of pan-fried mushrooms and turbot in wheat beer — without her — to assess the state of Brexit talks. The British leader urged her counterparts to redouble efforts to find the way to a deal, but European Parliament President Antonio Tajani said she did offer them concrete new proposals.

"Politically speaking, a will was expressed to move forward and reach agreement but there was nothing substantively new in terms of content," Tajani told reporters.

May spoke a day after Tusk implored her to present new ideas for resolving the tricky

problem of how to keep the land border between the Republic of Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland friction-free once Britain no longer is an EU member.

Tusk advised May that "creative" thinking from Britain was required to avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland, the issue that has brought Brexit negotiations to a standstill.

Both sides agree there must be no hard border, but each has rejected the other side's solution.

At present the two sides are proposing that Britain remains inside the EU single market and is still bound by its rules from the time it leaves the bloc in March until December 2020, to give time for new trade relations to be set up.

Many suspect that will not be enough time, which has led the EU to demand a "backstop" to ensure there are no customs posts or other controls along the currently invisible border between Northern Ireland and Ireland.

EU leaders have recently suggested that the transition period, currently due to end in December 2020, could be extended by a year to provide more time for a trade deal to be forged that would make the backstop unnecessary. Britain says it has not asked for an extension — but didn't rule it out Wednesday. □

# Outburst of firebrand far-left French leader prompts probe



In this April 14, 2018 file photo, French far-left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon takes part to a protest against French President Emmanuel Macron's government reforms, in Marseille, southern France.

**Associated Press**

By **THOMAS ADAMSON**  
**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — French far-left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon has built a career on his firebrand oratory. But the 2017 presidential candidate's famously acid tongue has now landed him in trouble, with prosecutors going after the leader of the France Unbowed party for verbally savaging anti-corruption investigators.

Melenchon, 67, was captured on video Tuesday losing his cool when police

officers and a prosecutor raided his Paris party headquarters, seeking evidence for judicial probes into election and party financing. He angrily shouted "I am the Republic" and "kick down the doors, comrades!" before pushing an investigator.

The Paris prosecutor's office announced Wednesday that legal proceedings have been opened against Melenchon for intimidation and violence.

Melenchon accused the government of deliberately

targeting him, calling the raid "a politically motivated act. An act of political aggression."

The politician, born in Morocco, also blamed the explosive reaction on his roots in an interview with BFMTV: "I've the right to get annoyed. I'm Mediterranean."

The politician, who has been an innovator in French politics with his use of video and social media, filmed himself during the raid and posted it live online. □





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# Greek foreign minister resigns over Macedonia deal dispute

By NICHOLAS PAPHITIS  
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Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Greece's foreign minister resigned Wednesday following a disagreement with the defense minister over the handling of a deal for Greece to drop its objections to neighboring Macedonia joining NATO if the small country's name is changed.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras accepted Foreign Minister Nikos Kotzias' resignation announced he would take over the helm of the Foreign Ministry himself "to help with all his powers in the successful completion" of the name change deal, his office said.

Kotzias quit his post a day after a Cabinet meeting during which he reportedly had a heated argument with Defense Minister Panos Kammenos over the Macedonia deal and felt he didn't receive sufficient support from colleagues or



In this Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015 file photo, Greece's Foreign Minister, left, Nikos Kotzias, speaks with Defense Minister Panos Kammenos before a group picture of the new government outside the Parliament in Athens.

the prime minister.

"The PM and a series of ministers made their choices in yesterday's (cabinet) meeting, and then I made mine," Kotzias wrote on

Twitter.

Speaking to reporters later, Tsipras warned he would not tolerate disagreements within his government on the deal with Macedonia,

which settled a decades-long dispute and which Tsipras negotiated with his Macedonian counterpart.

"(I will) not put up with any double talk from anybody

or with any personal strategies," Tsipras said. Kammenos, who heads the governing coalition's junior party, opposes the agreement reached in June and has threatened to leave the coalition if the pact comes to parliament for ratification. Kotzias was angered by statements the defense minister made during a recent trip to the United States that raised the possibility of an alternative to the name deal, countering current Greek government and U.S. policies.

Under the agreement that remains several steps from completion, the country would change its name to North Macedonia in return for the chance to join NATO and the European Union.

The name deal has also met with opposition in Macedonia, where lawmakers were debating whether to start discussions on constitutional amendments required for agreement's enactment. □

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# Serbian president issues veiled threat over Kosovo

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC  
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — A U.S. call for the withdrawal of a UN peacekeeping mission from Kosovo would leave Serbia no choice but to "protect" its people in the former Serbian province, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic said Wednesday.

Vucic did not specify what kind of action Serbia could take in Kosovo, which declared independence from

Serbia in 2008 and is protected by NATO.

His veiled threat came after U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley called last week for the development of "an exit strategy" for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo, known as UNMIK.

In a letter to the U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, she argued that while the U.N. has "successfully managed a complex conflict," now that Kosovo is an independent country,



Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic speaks during a press conference after talks with his Austrian counterpart Alexander Van Der Bellen at the Serbia Palace in Belgrade, Serbia, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018.

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the U.N. civilian mission "will continue to hold hostage the UN's valuable time and

resources."

Vucic says the mission's departure — as well as the

possible formation of the Kosovo army by the ethnic Albanian leadership — would leave Serbia no choice "but to protect our country and our people."

He said that he "begs" the U.S. to take into account "the stability and peace in the Western Balkans" when calling for the U.N. pullout. Serbia and its allies Russia and China don't recognize Kosovo's independence, but the U.S. and most Western countries do. □



# UN Syria envoy to try to move on constitution before leaving



**Bashar Ja'afari, center, Syrian Ambassador to the United Nations, attends a Security Council meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018 at U.N. headquarters.**

**Associated Press**

**By EDITH M. LEDERER**  
**Associated Press**

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — U.N. special envoy Staffan de Mistura said Wednesday he will make a final effort in his final weeks in the job to advance toward a new constitution for Syria — a key step in ending the country's civil war.

De Mistura announced at the end of a Security Council briefing that he is stepping down at the end of November for "purely, purely personal reasons" related to his family after four years and four months in one of the toughest U.N. jobs.

He told council members that objections by the Syrian government are still holding up the launch of the committee meant to draft a new constitution.

While there is agreement on the 50-member government and opposition delegations for the drafting committee, de Mistura said the government objects to a third 50-member delegation that the U.N. put together representing Syrian experts, civil society, independents, tribal leaders and women.

De Mistura said he has been invited to Damascus next week to discuss the committee's formation. He said he also intends to

invite senior officials from Russia, Turkey and Iran — the guarantor states in the so-called "Astana process" aimed at ending the violence in Syria — to meet him in Geneva, and to talk to a group of key countries comprising Egypt, France, Germany, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Britain and the United States.

"I would hope then to be in a position to issue invitations to convene the constitutional committee, hopefully during November," de Mistura said. "I offer no predictions whether this is possible. What I do know is that after nine months of preparations it is important to launch a credible, constitutional committee."

The U.N. envoy indicated he still faces an uphill struggle.

During last month's high-level General Assembly meeting, he said, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem "strongly cast doubt" on the agreement to draft a new constitution that was reached in Russia's Black Sea resort of Sochi on Jan. 30. Al-Moallem called for a "fundamental reassessment" of the 50-member delegation the U.N. was authorized to put together as well as the rules of procedure and U.N.'s role as the facilitator, de

Mistura said.

Russia and Iran, which back Syrian President Bashar Assad's government, have also called that list into question but are continuing talks, de Mistura said. He said senior Russian officials would be in Damascus in a few days.

The U.N. sought to balance its list "so that no political side could dominate the committee," de Mistura said, but the Syrian government reportedly wants its supporters to dominate the U.N. list so its views will prevail in constitutional changes or a new document.

Syria's U.N. ambassador, Bashar Ja'afari, made clear that the government opposes a new constitution, telling the Security Council on Wednesday that the mandate of the constitutional committee must be "to renew the current constitution — current constitution — because we do not want a constitutional vacuum, because Syria is not a failed state."

"We stress that the mandate of the committee is limited to reviewing the articles of the current constitution through a Syria-led and Syria-owned process," he said.

De Mistura has been trying for nine months to set up a constitutional committee

as a key step toward elections and a political settlement to the more than seven-year Syrian conflict that has killed over 300,000 people. An agreement reached at a meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Sochi on Sept. 17, aimed at averting an expected Syrian military offensive in the last rebel stronghold in Idlib, opened the possibility of progress.

De Mistura told the council "a catastrophe has so far been averted in Idlib" following the Russia-Turkey agreement, and "major strides have been taken in defeating terrorism."

He echoed Putin and Erdogan, who said the Idlib deal offered "a window for the constitutional committee to be established and the political process to go ahead."

Eight European Union countries called on Russia, Iran and Turkey, which supports the Syrian opposition, to ensure that the Idlib cease-fire is upheld. In a joint statement, they said it "should be an opportunity for the urgent resumption of the U.N.-led political process in Geneva."

The EU nations — France, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Britain, Italy, Belgium

and Germany — gave "full support" to de Mistura's efforts to establish an inclusive constitutional committee "without any further delays" that includes at least 30 percent women to lay the groundwork "for free and fair U.N.-supervised elections" called for by the Security Council.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia responded to de Mistura's call for a November meeting and to the EU saying Moscow wants a constitutional committee to be formed "as quickly as possible, but setting artificial deadlines in this case would be counterproductive."

"There has to be agreement of all the parties and that takes time," Nebenzia said. Syria's Ja'afari not only reiterated the government's new conditions for establishing the committee but told the council that Idlib, "just like any region in Syria, will return very soon to the sovereignty of the Syrian state." He didn't elaborate, but several Security Council nations worried aloud that a government offensive could still take place.

Ja'afari also warned that in order to achieve durable peace, "all illegal foreign forces must leave Syria, including Turkish, American, British, French and Israeli forces."

De Mistura was asked about his repeated statements that there can be no military solution in Syria despite the government's success in recapturing most territory in the country.

"What matters is winning the peace," de Mistura replied. "And therefore it is so important to make sure that ... the political process takes place. The alternative will be territorial gains but no sustainable peace. That is what you have to look at." He said Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has asked him to report to the Security Council in November "whether the U.N. is in a position or not to convene a credible and balanced constitutional committee." □





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# Student gunman kills 19, wounds 50 at school in Crime

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Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — An 18-year-old student strode into his vocational school in Crimea, a hoodie covering his blond hair, then pulled out a shotgun and opened fire on Wednesday, killing 19 students and wounding more than 50 others before killing himself.

It wasn't clear what prompted Vladislav Roslyakov, described as a shy loner, to go on the rampage. A security camera image carried by Russian media showed him calmly walking down the stairs of the school in the Black Sea city of Kerch, the shotgun in his gloved hand.

"He was walking around and shooting students and teachers in cold blood," said Sergei Aksyonov, the regional leader in Crimea. Officials said the fourth-year student killed himself in the library of the Kerch Polytechnic College after the attack. His mother, a nurse, was helping to treat victims at a local hospital after the shootings, unaware yet that her son was accused of the rampage and was already dead.

Such school shootings are rare, and Wednesday's attack was by far the worst by a disgruntled student in Russia, which annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine in 2014. The bloodbath raised questions about school security in the country; the Kerch Polytechnic College had only a front desk with no security guards.

By the end of the day, Crimean authorities said the death toll stood at 19, apparently not including the shooter. Fifty-three people were wounded, including 12 in serious condition. It was the greatest loss of



Policemen stand near the vocational college, in Kerch, Crimea, Wednesday Oct. 17, 2018.

Associated Press

life in school violence in Russia since the Beslan terrorist attack by Chechen separatists in 2004, in which 333 people were killed during a three-day siege, many of them children, and hundreds were wounded.

The announcement that the shooter in Wednesday's attack was a student who acted alone came after hours of rapidly shifting explanations as to what exactly happened at the school.

Officials at first reported a gas explosion, then said an explosive device had ripped through the cafeteria during lunchtime in a suspected terrorist attack.

Witnesses, however, reported that victims were being killed by gunfire. The Investigative Committee, Russia's top crime investigation agency, eventually said all the victims died of gunshot wounds.

Reflecting the daylong confusion, Russian President Vladimir Putin said the victims were killed by an explosion just as the Investi-

gative Committee was announcing they were fatally shot. A somber-faced Putin deplored the attack as a "tragic event" and offered his condolences to the victims' families at a news conference in the southern city of Sochi, where he was meeting with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. The Investigative Committee said the explosive device rigged with shrapnel went off in the school lunchroom and Sergei Melikov, a deputy chief of the Russian National Guard, said it was homemade. Officials later found a second explosive device and destroyed it.

It was not clear what the explosive was, if the attacker detonated it, or how many people it wounded. Guns are tightly restricted in Russia. Civilians can own only hunting rifles and smooth-bore shotguns and must undergo significant background checks. Roslyakov had only recently received a permit to own a shotgun and bought 150 cartridges just a few days

ago, according to local officials.

Aksyonov, the regional leader in Crimea, said the gunman had been described as a shy boy who had no conflicts.

"He wasn't aggressive, he was rather timid," Aksyonov said, speculating that Roslyakov might have "watched some movies" that inspired him to go on the shooting spree.

Some Russian news reports said the shooter had left his backpack containing the explosive device in the cafeteria and remotely detonated it before he started shooting.

"I heard an explosion and saw glass shards and window frames falling down," student Roman Voitenko said in remarks broadcast on Russian state television. Another student, Semyon Gavrillov, said he had fallen asleep during a lecture and was awakened by the sound of shooting. He looked around and saw a young man shooting at people, he said.

"I locked the door, hoping he wouldn't hear me," Gavrillov told the Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper.

He said police arrived about 10 minutes later to evacuate people and he saw dead bodies on the floor and charred walls.

Another student, Yuri Kerpek, told the state RIA Novosti news agency that the shooting went on for about 15 minutes.

Russia has seen several violent attacks by students in recent years, but none of them were even remotely as brutal as the Kerch rampage. Early this year, a teenager armed with an ax attacked fellow students at a school in Buryatia in southern Siberia, wounding five students and a teacher. The attacker also ignited a firebomb in the class and tried to kill himself before being apprehended.

In another attack in January, two teenagers stabbed children and their teacher with knives, wounding 15 people, and then attempted to kill each other before being detained.

After Wednesday's attack, local officials declared a state of emergency on the Black Sea peninsula and cordons of Russia's National Guard circled the school. Security was also increased at a new 19-kilometer (12-mile) bridge linking the peninsula with Russia, which opened earlier this year. Military units were deployed near the college to help emergency agencies. Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea triggered Western sanctions. Russia has also supported separatists fighting the Ukrainian government in eastern Ukraine, a conflict that has left at least 10,000 people dead since 2014. □



# 1st indigenous Miss Panama advocates for native peoples

By **JUAN ZAMORANO**

**Associated Press**

**PANAMA CITY (AP)** — She

spent much of her life in an indigenous village without electricity, using wattles to cross rivers and make it to her school in the poorest region of Panama. The hardships she endured as a child still make her cry.

From those humble beginnings, Rosa Iveth Montezuma has become the first indigenous woman to be crowned Miss Panama, gaining prominence and influence as an advocate for native people since she won the country's biggest national beauty pageant in June. "I think that made me strong," she said of her upbringing, in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "Now, everything is falling into place for me."

The title has opened doors on an international stage for her to denounce the marginalization of indigenous communities. A month after winning, Montezuma attended the U.N. Permanent Forum of Indigenous Peoples. She also spoke during the organization's International Indigenous Peoples' Day and took her message to the Organization of American States in Washington.

Dressed in naguas — a long, straight indigenous



**In this Sept. 12, 2018, Miss Panama, Rosa Iveth Montezuma, left, leaves a visit to the Tourism Ministry in Panama City.**

dress of vibrant colors and geometric designs — Montezuma advocated for longstanding claims of native communities in the Americas and argued that governments "have a historic social debt with our native peoples."

"We continue to be considered inferior, uneducated, discriminated against entirely by society in general for our clothing and our essence," she said in her speech. She has had to overcome opposition and discrimination even since

winning. In Panama, some criticized her for wearing her traditional dress to the United Nations, arguing that people would think all Panamanians are "cholas" — a pejorative term common to Latin America and Latino communities in the United States.

"That's a derogatory, racist comment," Montezuma told AP. Montezuma also faced resistance when she entered the beauty contest. After her indigenous ethnicity was questioned on social media, she had to

**Associated Press**  
go with pageant organizers to a government office to get her identity documents and prove she is indeed Panamanian. Some had alleged, falsely, that her father was Italian.

The 25-year-old is the oldest of three siblings born in the community of Alto Caballero in western Panama, in a region where modern hydroelectric plants are a stark contrast to surrounding villages where there is no electricity. According to a study, 67 percent of the more than 150,000

inhabitants of the Ngobe Bugle region live in extreme poverty. Seven indigenous groups make up 12 percent of Panama's population of 4 million. Statistically, indigenous Panamanians lag behind others in the country on indicators from economic status and education to access to infrastructure like roads and bridges. "Rosa has done very well for herself — not only as a woman in a beauty contest, it's about more than that," said Taira Stanley, a member of the indigenous peoples' office of the University of Panama.

Montezuma recalled having to travel every two weeks far from home to a ranch school with wooden walls and a palm-frond roof where she studied and her mother was a teacher. It could be a perilous journey, and sometimes they would have to wait for swollen creeks to calm before it was safe to cross.

When Montezuma first became a beauty queen as a first-grader during her school's anniversary celebration, the moment was marred when she learned her baby sister had been burned on her leg with cooking oil, forcing their mother to stay with the girl at a hospital elsewhere for a month. □

# Haitians protest alleged misuse of Petrocaribe funds

By **EVENS SANON**

**Associated Press**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)** — A protest by tens of thousands of people across Haiti

turned violent Wednesday as anger grows over the alleged misuse of funds from an oil assistance program sponsored by Venezuela. Gunshots rang out while protesters threw rocks, blocked roads and burned tires to demand more transparency in how the government uses funds from Petrocaribe. The program provides below-market financing for oil for several countries in the region.

"We are protesting so we can come out of misery," said Jean-Robert Roland as he marched through the streets of Port-au-Prince. "The country is in a hole, and the government keeps stealing our money." Radio station Zenith 102.5 FM reported that one person was fatally shot in the southwest coastal town of Les Cayes and several wounded. The station also reported that a government office in the northern town of Cap-Haitien was set on fire and one person was shot in the leg. There was no immediate official confirmation of the reports. In addition, one police officer and two civilians were injured in Port-au-Prince,

where police used tear gas to disperse a crowd throwing rocks at Hotel Kinam. Another policeman was injured on Tuesday when a bullet grazed his hand as officers tried to remove barricades ahead of the



**National police take cover as gun shots ring out at the end of a ceremony marking the 212th anniversary of the assassination of independence hero Gen. Jean-Jacques Dessalines in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

protest. An investigation by Haiti's Senate found that at least 14 former government officials allegedly misused \$3.8 billion under the administration of former president Michel Martelly.

A crowd marching through the capital chanted, "Tie them up! Tie them up!" and some protesters carried signs that read, "Where's the money?" Protesters mobilized as Haiti commemorates the death of independence hero Jean-Jacques Dessalines. Schools have been closed since midday on Tuesday as a precautionary measure, and embassies recommended people remain indoors. □



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## Transform Seminar 2018: Overcome Your Fear

**ORANJESTAD — “While presenting my leadership courses and being active as a motivational speaker, I’ve observed that most people don’t deal with their fears. Fear is an emotion we all experience but we have to learn to control it instead of letting fear control us”, says Charisse Hoen, organizer and facilitator of the Transform Seminar 2018 at the University of Aruba.**

There is no bigger enemy to growth than fear. Fear worms inside you like a poison; it paralyzes you, weakens you, makes you doubt yourself and slowly kills all of your dreams. If left unchecked it grows stronger than you desire, your passion and the things that motivate you. Basically, it is the intention of this semi-

nar to have a conversation that matters with the participants and share a few practical ways to turn fear into positive action.

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Charisse Hoen noticed during the check in of her Leadership Sessions that many people are afraid. “Fear for the unknown, fear for failure, fear to be left out and fear not to be understood. It’s the everyday fear we all deal with. In a small community like this everyone wants to belong somewhere and they are afraid to fall out of that and where are they going to go when that happens? Being mediocre and not really truth to ourselves will not help us, so this seminar will be a tool to break through that.” In her experi-



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By Thaïs G. Franken

## “Mi ta Arubiano” The Aruban Fingerprint

**Maastricht – For the past weeks we have explored the definition of cultural and creative industries (CCI) and how this relates to the sustainable development goals of the United Nations (UN).**

For the Aruban community, we have established the CCI as a potential economic diversification of the current economy which is Tourism. Not only is the CCI a contributing factor for the economic develop-



ment of the island, but has more of a cultural impact on its society. This week we will explore how culture influences identity formation and expression. Aruba, as a unique case study, will enable us to explore some implications that have been argued by many locals for years. Understanding Aruba's identity pattern will encourage positive dialogue on the cultural implementation framework of a CCI on Aruba, and ultimately help us understand the dy-

namics that are currently present in our society. Numerous scholars and scientists express that societies and communities rely on culture, identity and belonging to relate to what is important in life to many, such as; family, work, hobbies, language, art, music, tradition, norms, values and more. Culture is infiltrated in everything we do daily. From what we eat, how we dress, how we communicate, how we express ourselves, how we celebrate

life and how we treat each other. A big misconception about cultural identity is that it is a person's complete identity. An individual's identity is formed by many forms of identity such as; religion, sexual, ideological, political and national identity. The segment of identity that is formed through culture is imperative but it is not the sole contributing factor, more so inclusive.

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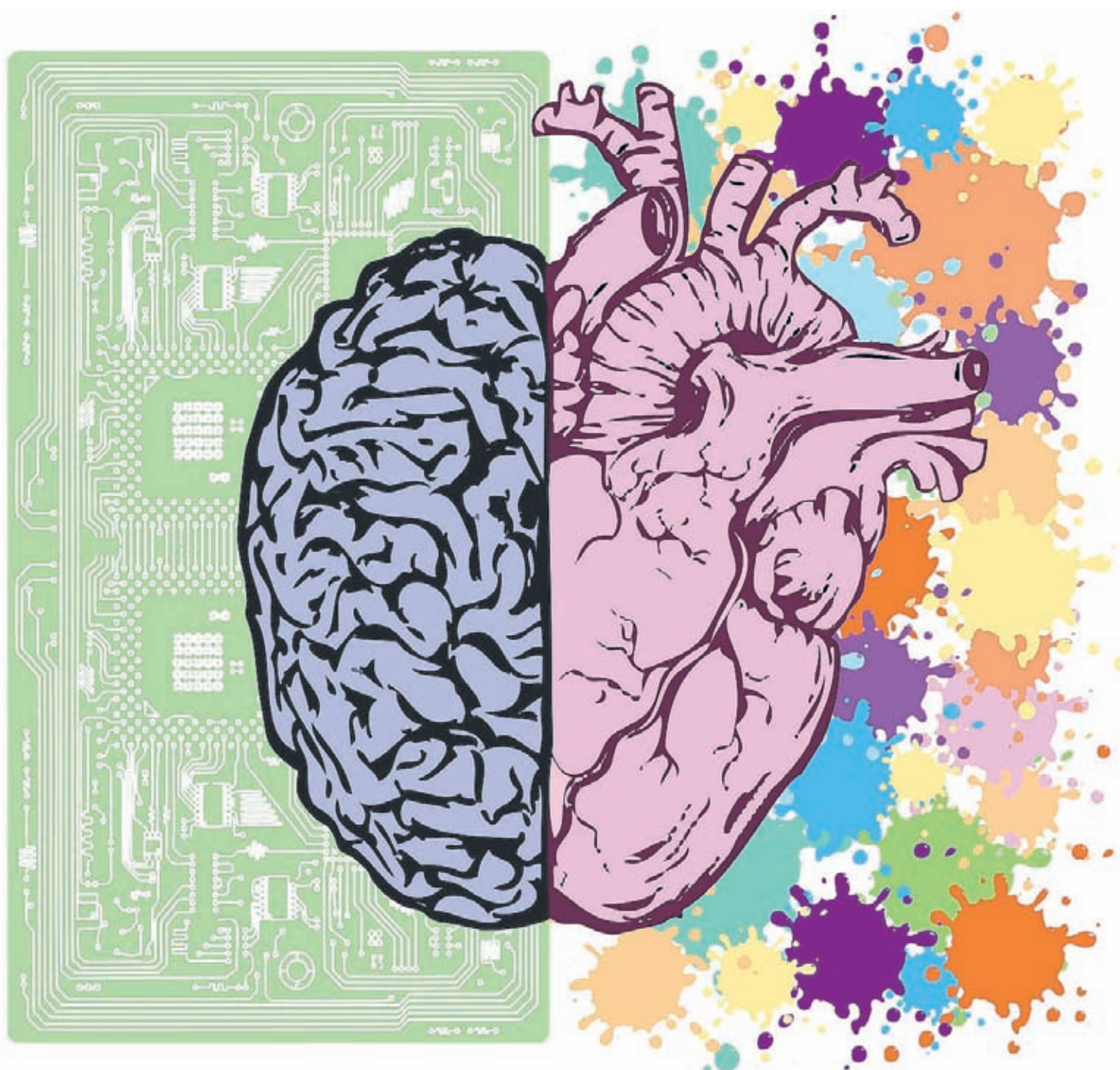


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### Multi-cultural island, one identity?

Aruba is known to being this multicultural, multiethnic, multi lingual community with a rich history and cultural essence. According to Borg & Ruso (2005), in an age in which societies tend to become multi-cultural, identities and ways of life confront one another. In the multi-cultural society, culture can be a lever that stimulates pride, personal development, and self-fulfillment for minorities, and at the same time it can be a common language, a bridge between different groups. Taking note, "different groups" what is the prerogative of different communities on the island. It is almost impossible to consider one cultural identity as a representation of the entire island.

With a possible implementation of a CCI, the Aruban community is an imperative stakeholder in the process of identifying core aspects that will indicate the roadmap towards realizing a new economic pillar in the arts. The one critical aspect of this debate is that culture exists to the people that identify with it. Meaning that different cultural identities may coexist in the same cultural sphere. Relating to Aruba, it is possible that the cultural foundation might consist of blocks interconnected from different stones. No one stone is more important than the other and contributes in its own way to the further development of the cultural identity of our past, current and future generations.



There is a local song that states "mi cultura, bo cultura, nos cultura tin un cos" [my culture, your culture, our culture has a thing]. What is that "thing", what makes the Aruban culture so special and unique? No doubt, being rich in history and creativity, the past and the future insures a dynamic progression into newer forms of cultural identity for all. The beauty of a diverse

cultural identity is the inclusive element it enables. No differences in "pasado" and "future, "pariba" and "pabou". CCI provides a space for equal cultural and creative expression which we should protect and encourage.

#### And now what?

In the end the question remains if everyone in a society resonates with the same

level of cultural identity. Who is responsible for the development of this within our community? The government, cultural NGOs, the media, parents or maybe teachers? A result from the thesis research "Placing Culture and Creativity at the Heart of the Aruban Sustainable Development" shows that education is one of the important tools for cultural identity development. Providing spaces for children and the youth to learn about the Aruban culture and express themselves by triggering the creative instincts and abilities from a young age.

The Aruban fingerprint as dynamic as it is, the authenticity lies within its people. No fingerprint is the same, but the goals now is to identify all creases that form its uniqueness. For the most part, the CCI could initiate more understanding of the need for a cultur-

al rejuvenation considering Aruba's multicultural context. The process to do this, should be inclusive and participatory to promote collaboration, unity and awareness of the power of a CCI to transform the cultural identity of the nation to one that represents all who consider themselves Aruban.

Feel encouraged to ask yourself what your identity is. How your identity was constructed. What does culture mean to you? What would it consist of? Unrespectable of the implementation of a CCI on Aruba, the importance of cultural identity development at our schools and within our community should be encouraged and executed by promoting cultural diversity and inclusiveness. "Ami ta Aruba, Abo ta Aruba, Nos ta Aruba" [I am Aruba, You are Aruba, We are Aruba].

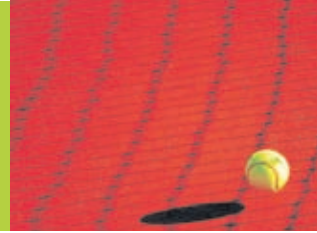
## Meet Our New Columnist

ORANJESTAD — Thaïs G. Franken is a Master Student at the University of Maastricht in The Netherlands and Graduate School of Governance | UNI-MERIT. Aruba Today met this remarkable young lady during an interview for our newspaper. Her ambitions, her drive, her passion and her happy forthcoming made a big impression and out of this came the mutual desire to work together. Aruba Today is more than happy to announce Thaïs as our new columnist. Her column Creative Islander will appear every two weeks on Thursday in Aruba Today. Welcome to the club Thaïs. □





# SPORTS



## How about some other sports for Conor McGregor?

By **TIM DAHLBERG**  
AP Sports Columnist

Conor McGregor couldn't win his fight, though he seemed to help the Dallas Cowboys win theirs.

Just ask Jerry Jones, who had reason to be smitten with the UFC star after the team Jones owns blew out Jacksonville on Sunday with the fighter/whiskey salesman providing the emotional spark.

"He just energized every place he went in the stadium," Jones said. "You'd like to say we're going to have to get him in here for every game in order to have a good first half, at least."

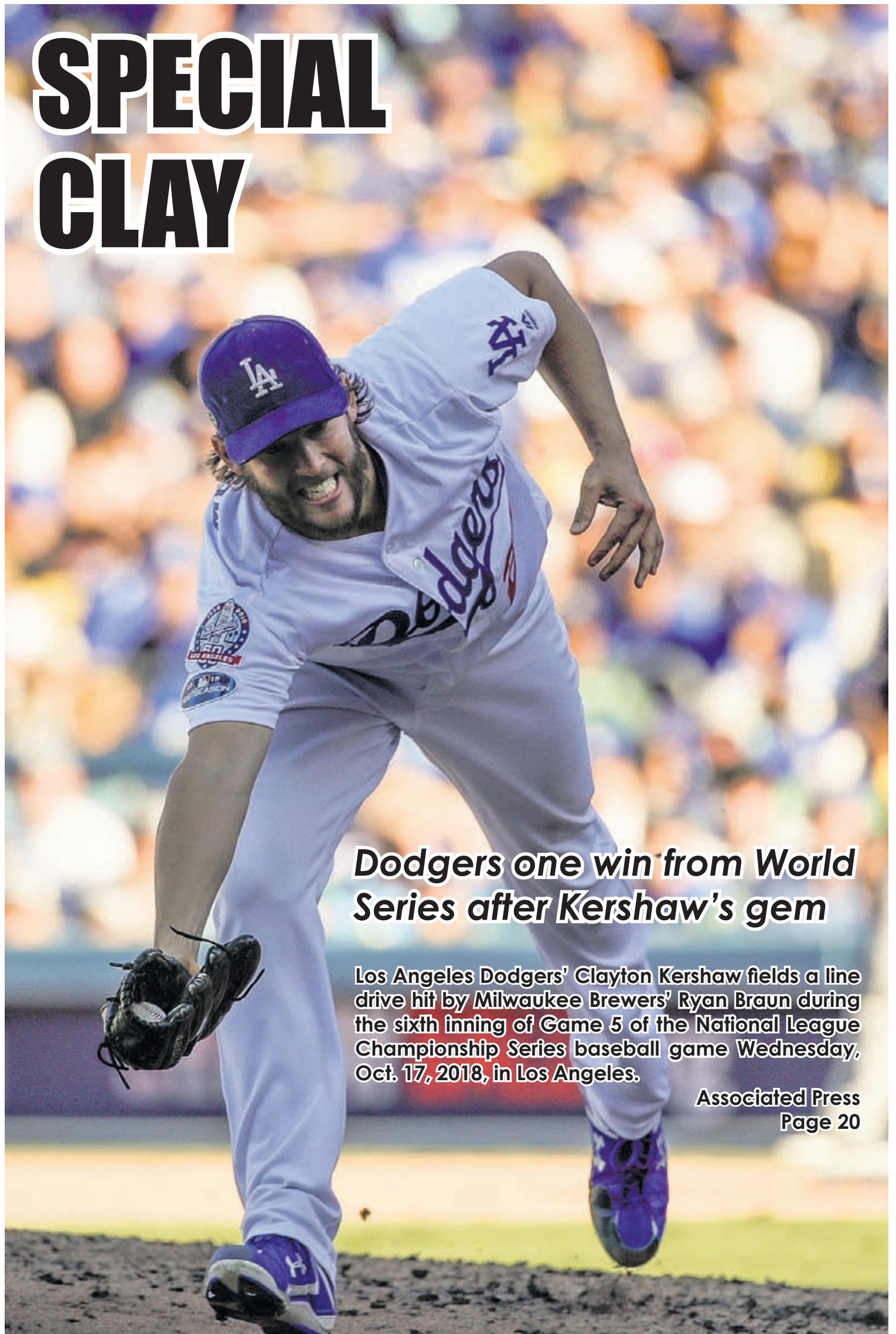
McGregor not only wowed the crowd but inspired players to do his signature walk. The Cowboys responded like they were entering the octagon instead of playing football in a performance that was as dominating as it was surprising. "I don't know if it was Conor McGregor or whatever it was, but we came out and attacked," Dak Prescott said.

Maybe the Cowboys should try to persuade McGregor to hang around. He's got some free time, after all, after losing his much-hyped fight to Khabib Nurmagomedov in Las Vegas.

No reason, though, to stick to combat sports when there is so much more to do in the ever-expanding sports world. McGregor has already tried boxing, but there are some other options should he decide to pursue something different.

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# SPECIAL CLAY



## Dodgers one win from World Series after Kershaw's gem

Los Angeles Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw fields a line drive hit by Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun during the sixth inning of Game 5 of the National League Championship Series baseball game Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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# Devils still perfect and off to best start in 23 years

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — Kyle Palmieri scored his seventh goal in four games, Keith Kinkaid stopped 24 shots for his second shutout and the New Jersey Devils continued their perfect start, beating the Dallas Stars 3-0 on Tuesday night.

Late pickup Jean-Sebastien Dea tallied for the third straight game and Blake Coleman added a goal as the Devils (4-0) remained the NHL's only unbeaten team. The 4-0 start is their best since 1995-96.

Palmieri also became the first player in NHL history to score his team's opening goal in four consecutive games to begin a season, the league said.

Anton Khudobin made 31 saves as Dallas lost for the second time in two nights. It marked the first time the Stars were shut out.

## **GOLDEN KNIGHTS 4, SABRES 1**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Marc-Andre Fleury earned his 407th win to tie Glenn Hall for 10th place on the NHL list as Vegas beat Buffalo.

Jonathan Marchessault scored twice and Fleury made 26 saves for the defending Western Conference champions. Cody Eakin and William Karlsson also had goals for the Golden Knights, who scored more than two for the first time in seven games this season.

Vladimir Sobotka scored with 37 seconds left, spoiling Fleury's bid for his 50th career shutout.

Sabres goalie Carter Hutton stopped 25 shots.

## **RANGERS 3, AVALANCHE 2, SO**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Kevin Shattenkirk scored the deciding goal in a shootout to lift the Rangers over the Avalanche.

Mats Zuccarello scored for the Rangers in the first round of the tiebreaker, and Mikko Rantanen tied it in the second. Shattenkirk then beat Avalanche goalie Semyon Varlamov in

the third round, and Henrik Lundqvist denied Gabriel Landeskog to secure New York's second win in six games this season (2-4-0). Kevin Hayes and Chris Kreider scored in regulation for the Rangers, and Lundqvist stopped 31 shots through overtime. Zuccarello and Shattenkirk each had two assists.

Nathan MacKinnon, who also had an assist, scored for Colorado to set the franchise record with a goal in each of the first six games to open a season. Tyson Jost also had a goal for the Avalanche. Varlamov, who came in 3-0-1 with a 1.75 goals-against average, made 41 saves.

## **CANUCKS 3, PENGUINS 2, OT**

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Brock Boeser fired a wrist shot by Casey DeSmith's stick and into the net 34 seconds into overtime to lift the Canucks to a victory over the Penguins.

The Penguins tied it late in regulation when Carl Hagelin took a perfect pass from Phil Kessel and slipped it past Anders Nilsson with 3:14 to go.

Vancouver, however, responded in the extra period.

Boeser took the puck and drifted through center ice as the Canucks worked through a line change behind him. Rather than drop it off to a teammate, he let one go just inside the right circle for his second goal of the season.

Ben Hutton and Brandon Sutter also scored for the Canucks. Nilsson finished with 26 saves as Vancouver won its third straight. The Canucks played without 19-year-old rookie Elias Pettersson, who was diagnosed with a concussion after getting slammed to the ice in a game against Florida on Saturday.

## **FLYERS 6, PANTHERS 5, SO**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Jordan Weal scored in the



**New Jersey Devils goaltender Keith Kinkaid (1) makes a save against the Dallas Stars in the first period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018, in Newark, N.J.**

shootout to lift the Flyers over the Panthers.

Weal had a goal and an assist, and Jakub Voracek also scored in the shootout for the Flyers. Philadelphia had to rally to earn two points after leading by three goals late in the second period.

Wayne Simmonds and Claude Giroux each had two goals for the Flyers.

Aleksander Barkov and Frank Vatrano scored two apiece for the Panthers (0-2-2), who remained one of two winless teams in the NHL. Evgenii Dadonov also scored and Keith Yandle had two assists.

Voracek opened the scoring in the shootout by beating Michael Hutchinson with a forehand shot. Hutchinson was making his Panthers debut in place of Roberto Luongo (knee), who missed his third straight contest.

Barkov, Florida's second shooter, shot past Calvin Pickard with a backhand shot to even the score. After Hutchinson denied Giroux, Weal beat the goalie through the five-hole. The Flyers secured the win when Pickard stopped Vatrano.

## **WILD 2, COYOTES 1**

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)** — Eric Staal and Mikael Granlund scored and Devan Dubnyk stopped 27 of 28 shots to lead the Wild to a win over the Coyotes.

Brendan Perlini scored and Darcy Kuemper stopped 30 shots in his season debut for Arizona. Kuemper

was making his first appearance against the franchise that drafted him in 2009. He spent parts of five seasons in Minnesota before leaving as a free agent in 2017. Staal scored the game-winner with 13:42 to play by converting after a mad scramble in front of the net. After Kuemper stopped Ryan Suter's initial shot, Jason Zucker tapped it across the crease to Staal, who buried it for his second goal of the season. The Coyotes entered the night having scored just two goals in four games, including three shutout losses. But they opened the scoring midway through the first period when Perlini scored his first of the season on the power play.

## **LIGHTNING 4, HURRICANES 2**

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — Tyler Johnson had three goals, Yanni Gourde scored on a power play to put Tampa Bay ahead in the third period and the Lightning beat the Hurricanes.

Johnson scored in all three periods, completing the hat trick on an empty-netter with 1:56 remaining.

After Carolina defenseman Calvin de Haan fanned on a clearing attempt, Gourde made it 3-2 on a pass from Ondrej Palat at 7:02 of the third.

Lightning backup Louis Domingue stopped 38 shots in his first start of the season. He made strong saves on Sebastian Aho and Micheal Ferland soon

after Gourde's goal. Ferland and Martin Necas had goals, and Petr Mrazek turned aside 23 shots for the Hurricanes. Aho picked up an assist to extend his season-opening point streak to seven games (eight assists, 12 points), which is tied for third-longest in the history of the Carolina/Hartford franchise. Only Victor Rask (eight games, 2016-17) and Ron Francis (11 games, 1984-85) had longer runs.

## **OILERS 5, JETS 4, OT WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)**

— Connor McDavid had four points and Darnell Nurse scored his first goal of the season 1:25 into overtime as Edmonton overcame a three-goal deficit to beat Winnipeg.

McDavid scored twice and added a pair of assists for the Oilers, who were down 4-1 to start the third period. Ty Rattie ignited the comeback when he scored 18 seconds into the third. McDavid got his second power-play goal of the game at 2:28, and Jesse Puljujarvi tied it at 13:39.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Leon Draisaitl each had two assists for Edmonton. Cam Talbot stopped 29 shots in his 200th game with the Oilers.

McDavid set an NHL record by scoring or assisting on his team's first nine goals to start a season, breaking Adam Oates' record of seven with Detroit in 1986-87. McDavid has four goals and five assists in four games. □

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# Warriors get rings, then beat Thunder on opening night

By The Associated Press  
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry had 32 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, Kevin Durant added 27 points, eight rebounds and six assists, and the Golden State Warriors opened their quest for a three-peat by holding off the Oklahoma City Thunder 108-100 on Tuesday night. Golden State needed a strong fourth quarter to win on a festive night after the two-time defending champions received their 2018 rings in a pregame ceremony shortly before tipoff and began the final season at Oracle Arena before a move across San Francisco Bay to new Chase Center. "It's a great move for the organization. We know that but this place is special, so we want to make sure this is a special season," coach Steve Kerr said.

Klay Thompson shot just 5 of 20 for 14 points while cen-



Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry (30) lays up a shot past Oklahoma City Thunder forward Jerami Grant, right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

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ter Damian Jones scored 12 points on 6-of-7 shooting for the Warriors in his first career start and 26th game. Paul George scored 27 points for the Thunder, who struggled to find an offensive groove while missing star Russell Westbrook because of knee surgery last month.

## CELTICS 105, 76ERS 87

**BOSTON (AP)** — Jayson Tatum had 23 points and nine rebounds, and Boston beat Philadelphia in the season opener for both teams.

Marcus Morris added 16 points and 10 rebounds off the bench. Al Horford had nine points and five blocks. The Celtics survived a lethargic start and rough shooting night but rallied to lead by as many as 18 in the second half.

Joel Embiid led the 76ers with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Ben Simmons finished with 19 points, 15 rebounds and eight assists. □

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# Kershaw dominant, Dodgers beat Brewers 5-2, lead NLCS 3-2

By **BETH HARRIS**

AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Clayton Kershaw bounced back from one of his worst postseason starts with one of his best, pitching the Los Angeles Dodgers past the Milwaukee Brewers 5-2 Wednesday to move one win from a return trip to the World Series.

The Dodgers took a 3-2 lead in the NL Championship Series, boosted by Max Muncy's go-ahead single in the sixth inning. Kershaw held the lead, scoring an insurance run in the seventh and then exiting.

"To go back to Milwaukee up 3-2 as opposed to being down 3-2 is huge for us," Kershaw said. "It's been a battle every single game we've played them so far and we don't expect anything different when we go back."

Game 6 is Friday night in Milwaukee. The Brewers will start left-hander Wade Miley, who walked Cody Bellinger to open Game 5 before getting pulled in an interesting piece of strategy by manager Craig Counsell. Lefty Hyun-Jin Ryu will go for the Dodgers.

"We're in a good spot, man," Counsell said. "We're going back home, to me, in a position of strength."

The Dodgers haven't been in back-to-back World Series since losing to the Yankees in 1977 and '78. They were beaten by Houston in Game 7 last year.

The teams reconvened less than 15 hours after the



**Los Angeles Dodgers' Yasiel Puig reacts after hitting an RBI single during the sixth inning of Game 5 of the National League Championship Series baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018, in Los Angeles.**

Dodgers eked out a 2-1 victory Tuesday night on Cody Bellinger's RBI single with two outs in a 13-inning game that lasted over five hours. Kershaw was well-rested and masterful in allowing one run and three hits over seven. He struck out nine, all on breaking pitches, and walked two. Kershaw recovered from the shortest postseason start of his career. He lasted just three innings in losing the NLCS opener while giving up five runs — four earned — at Miller Park.

"I don't know if it was that much better, just a little bit

better execution maybe," Kershaw said of his repertoire. "Maybe I threw some more curveballs today than I did in Game 1."

The three-time NL Cy Young Award winner pitched in and out of trouble in the third, when the Brewers loaded the bases and scored their lone run. Kershaw struck out Jesus Aguilar to end the third, the first of 13 consecutive batters that the left-hander retired. Curtis Granderson hit an RBI double in the ninth. Kenley Jansen, the Dodgers' third pitcher of the ninth, came in for the last two outs and

the save. Brewers star Christian Yelich, who nearly won the NL Triple Crown this season, was hitless in four at-bats. He is 3 for 20 without an RBI in the NLCS.

The team that hit a franchise and NL-leading 235 home runs in the regular season did it playing small ball instead, driving in all but one of its runs on singles. Tied 1-all, Muncy grounded a 1-2 pitch from Brandon Woodruff into left field, scoring Justin Turner, who led off with a single. Yasiel Puig singled to center with two outs, bringing home Manny Machado after

he was hit by a pitch from Corbin Burnes.

Kershaw has struggled in the postseason during his career, with his numbers never matching his excellence during the regular season.

But his outing Wednesday nearly matched what he did in Game 2 of the NL Division Series against Atlanta. Kershaw allowed two hits over eight shutout innings, struck out three and walked none in the best postseason outing of his career.

The Brewers led 1-0 in the third on Lorenzo Cain's RBI double to deep center.

Milwaukee had gone scoreless over the final eight innings Tuesday and the first two innings Wednesday.

## WORKING WITH A LEAD

The Dodgers are 5-1 in series when they own a 3-2 lead. Their only loss came in the 1952 World Series against the Yankees. Teams with a 3-2 lead in a best-of-seven NLCS have a 15-6 series record.

## GET TO THE 'PEN

Milwaukee's starters have tossed just 14 innings in the NLCS, the lowest total ever through five games, according to Elias Sports Bureau. The 2008 Dodgers and 1984 Padres share the record for fewest innings by starting pitchers with 21 1/3.

## SCORING RUNS

The Dodgers were 4 for 13 with runners in scoring position, their most hits in a single game this postseason after going 6 for 30 in the first four games of the NLCS. □



**In this June 26, 2018, file photo, New York Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius prepares to throw to first after fielding a ball during a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies in Philadelphia.**

Associated Press

# Yanks SS Gregorius has Tommy John surgery, return uncertain

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius has undergone Tommy John surgery on his right elbow that is expected to keep him out of action for much of next season.

The Yankees said the surgery went as expected Wednesday. It was done

by Dr. David Altchek at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York.

The team didn't provide a timetable for Gregorius to return. Last week, when the injury was announced, general manager Brian Cashman said Gregorius will be sidelined "until

sometime next summer."

Gregorius broke his own club record for home runs by a shortstop by hitting 27 this year. He batted .268 with 86 RBIs.

Cashman has said second baseman Gleyber Torres is the Yankees' top internal solution at shortstop. □



# Unbeaten Rams still top AP Pro32 poll; Patriots are No. 2

By **SIMMI BUTTAR**  
AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — And then there was one.

After six weeks, the Los Angeles Rams are the NFL's last unbeaten team following their 23-20 victory over the Denver Broncos.

The Rams will look to stay unbeaten on Sunday when they face the San Francisco 49ers in the final game of a three-game road swing.

And it's little surprise that the Rams are the unanimous top team in the latest AP Pro32 poll for the fourth consecutive week. They received all 12 first-place votes and 384 points in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

"Todd Gurley has staked an early claim in this year's MVP race," Newsday said Bob Glauber. "With 208 rushing yards and two touchdowns, he kept the Rams unbeaten with a narrow road win at Denver."

The New England Patriots are inching their way back to the top. The Patriots

moved two spots to No. 2 after their 43-40 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

"Death. Taxes. Patriots," said Charean Williams of Pro Football Talk.

The Chiefs slipped a spot to No. 3 after their first loss of the season. The Chiefs will host the Cincinnati Bengals in their second consecutive Sunday night matchup.

The Bengals dropped three spots to No. 8 after their 28-21 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Steelers, who have won two in a row, climbed three spots to No. 9 as they enter their bye week.

The New Orleans Saints, coming off their bye week, fell a spot to No. 4. They return to action this week against the Baltimore Ravens.

The Ravens jumped four spots to No. 6 after their 21-0 rout of the Tennessee Titans, in which they had a franchise-record 11 sacks.

"The Ravens play serious defense, which is a rarity in the new-age NFL," said Ira Kaufman of Fox 13 in Tam-



**Los Angeles Rams running back Todd Gurley (30) breaks free from Denver Broncos defensive back Tramaine Brock (22) for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018, in Denver.**

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pa, Florida.

Another team making a big climb was the Los Angeles Chargers, who moved six spots to No. 5 after routing the Cleveland Browns 38-14.

The Chargers face the Titans in London for a game at Wembley Stadium.

The Minnesota Vikings moved up two spots to No. 7 after topping the Arizona Cardinals.

The defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles jumped five places to round out the top 10.

"(Carson) Wentz getting stronger," Fox Sports' John Czarnecki said. □

# Broncos star linebacker promises to whoop Cardinals

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**  
AP Pro Football Writer

**ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)** — Von Miller, who once said his job was to sack quarterbacks and tell jokes, isn't in a jocular mood with the Denver Broncos mired in a monthlong funk.

During his weekly news conference Tuesday, Miller repeatedly promised that the Broncos (2-4) would whoop the Cardinals (1-5) Thursday night in Arizona.

"I wouldn't say it's a must-win," Miller said. "We're going to kick their (behind), though. Make sure you put that up there. We're going to kick their (behind)."

The Broncos lost their fourth straight game on Sunday, when they became the first team in NFL history to allow back-to-back 200-yard rushers — Todd Gurley and Isaiah Crowell.

That led general manager John Elway to declare this week that the Broncos

have gotten "very soft" in defending the run, reigniting an insult he used last year that didn't sit well with the players amid a franchise-worst eight-game skid.

"The last two weeks we had a 200-yard rusher. I get where he's coming from," Miller said.

"But that was the last two weeks. This week is totally different."

The Broncos successfully schemed to thwart Rams QB Jared Goff, who was limited to 14 completions for 201 yards and no touchdowns to go with an interception and five sacks.

Gurley, however, capitalized on the Broncos' heavy use of nickel defense and nose tackle Domata Peko's worst game in his two seasons in Denver to run for a career-best 208 yards and two TDs a week after the Jets' Crowell gashed them for 219 yards, including a



**In this Oct. 14, 2018, file photo, Denver Broncos linebacker Von Miller (58) warms up prior to an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Rams, in Denver.**

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77-yard touchdown. The Broncos' 23-20 loss left the Rams (6-0) as the

league's last unbeaten team.

Broncos coach Vance Jo-

seph said too many tackles and assignments were missed and challenged his team to get mentally tougher, declaring that tackling is "really mind-set and want-to."

"Yeah, that was last week, we're going to be better," Miller said.

Miller insisted he wasn't being salty.

"No, I'm not irritated," he said. "I'm just confident."

Miller and rookie Bradley Chubb collected 4½ sacks between them last week, but Miller insisted they hadn't unlocked some sort of pass rush puzzle.

"No, we just got on the board," Miller said. "And if we're playing our best, I don't think there's anybody in the league that can block me and Bradley. ... Especially not the Cardinals."

They're going to get our best on Thursday. They got to come with their best." □



# Canelo Alvarez inks \$365M deal with streaming service DAZN

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Canelo Alvarez is boxing's new \$365 million man.

Alvarez has signed an 11-fight deal that his promotional company says is the richest athlete contract in sports history, guaranteeing the Mexican middleweight champion at least that much money to have his fights shown on the sports-streaming service DAZN, beginning with his next bout. Alvarez will move up in weight to challenge WBA super middleweight champion Rocky Fielding on Dec. 15 at Madison Square Garden. A massive money-maker when he fought on pay-per-view, Alvarez will be able to be seen for much cheaper through the subscription service that launched in the U.S. in September and now features perhaps the two biggest figures in boxing in Alvarez and heavyweight champion Anthony Joshua.

"We have No. 1 and No. 2. They're the two most important fighters in the world," DAZN executive chairman John Skipper said. "Canelo fighting on DAZN, we believe that that will help us



Boxers Canelo Alvarez, left, and Rocky Fielding pose for photos at Madison Square Garden in New York, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018. They are to meet in a 12-round, super middleweight bout on Dec. 15, 2018.

attract some of the other fighters, some of the other premier fighters."

Alvarez (50-1-2, 34 KOs) is coming off a victory over Gennady Golovkin in a middleweight showdown in September. That fight, like most of boxing's biggest, was shown on pay-per-view. It cost \$84.95 to be seen in high definition. And while planning his next fight, Golden Boy Promo-

tions also needed a place to put it. With HBO bowing out of boxing after this year, the company had talks with Showtime, ESPN and Turner Sports about televising Alvarez's future bouts. But Skipper made an aggressive offer for DAZN (pronounced Da-Zone) when he met with Golden Boy about two weeks ago and the deal was quickly finalized. "John came with

the best deal. John Skipper came, he wasn't playing games," Golden Boy President Eric Gomez said. "He said, our first meeting with him over two weeks ago, he came to our office and said, 'I've got a blank check, I'm not leaving until we make a deal.' And he put his money where his mouth is." Skipper said it wasn't quite a blank check, but

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one that ensured Alvarez wouldn't be taking a pay cut to leave pay-per-view. He said Alvarez's last three fights generated 3.6 million buys and nearly a quarter of a billion dollars, making him someone who can be transformative to a subscription service focused largely — at least for now — on combat sports.

"So I've got to find those fans," Skipper said. "They are going to want to watch his fights and they're going to get to buy them for a lot less expensive than they did before." It will cost them \$9.99 a month for a subscription in the U.S. Under the five-year partnership, Golden Boy also will put on up to 10 fight nights per year that will stream live on DAZN beginning in early 2019. Gomez said Alvarez is committed to fighting 11 times during the deal and willing to fight any of the contenders at 160 or 168 pounds. Alvarez said for now his plan is to return to 160 after the bout against Fielding (27-1, 15 KOs), a British fighter who appeared significantly taller than Alvarez, who will be trying to win a title in his third weight class. □

## Conor McGregor

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Here are a few spots he just might fit in:

**THE MASTERS:** What could be more proper than McGregor selling his Proper No. Twelve whiskey on the iconic 12th hole at Augusta National? If that doesn't get the patrons (they're always called patrons at the Masters) buzzing, give McGregor a microphone and have him trash-talk the players as they come through Amen Corner. Imagine the fun on Sunday when Tiger Woods hits a ball into Rae's Creek after McGregor threatens to put a hole in his skull if he misses the green.

**WIMBLEDON:** If there was ever a place that could use someone to break up the stuffiness, it's Wimbledon. Forget wearing all white,

how about McGregor in the royal box, tiara on his head and wearing a full-length mink to spice things up? "There are two things I really like to do and that's whoop (rear ends) and look good," McGregor crows.

**KENTUCKY DERBY JOCKEY:** Like humans, horses don't like getting whipped by McGregor.

**ANGELS MANAGER:** No, McGregor knows nothing about baseball, but that shouldn't be a problem with the Los Angeles Angels. Passing the two-hour test the team is requiring for applicants might prove problematical, but who in the organization is going to tell McGregor he failed?

**SOCCER:** This is a sport McGregor does actually know something about, and he's not one to tolerate mediocrity. Put him in charge of



Susan G. Komen for the Cure founder Nancy Brinker, left, and UFC fighter Conor McGregor, center, react on the sideline before an NFL football game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Jacksonville Jaguars in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018.

the U.S. national team, then sit back and watch the fun begin. The Americans may not win the World Cup, but you can pretty much be guaranteed they'll never lose to Trinidad — or Tobago — again.

**OLYMPIC ATHLETE:** Yes, McGregor could probably compete for a medal in judo or taekwondo but he likes to set records and, as Michael Phelps showed, there are more medals for the taking in the pool

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than anywhere else. True, McGregor would have to learn to swim and probably shave his beard, but imagine the fun when he parades to the starting block and screams out to his fellow swimmers that they're petrified of him and should run home to their mommies.

**MONDAY NIGHT ENFORCER:** Security too lax at your stadium? Fans throwing beers in the faces of wide receivers? How about Conor and his guys pay them a visit to sort things out. It worked well in Brooklyn, as you might remember, with an assault that helped McGregor earn a \$50 million payday. Fans may mess with big football players, but no one is going to toss a beer at McGregor as he's throwing a hand dolly through a bus window. □





FC Barcelona soccer player and founder of investment group Kosmos, Gerard Pique delivers his speech during the presentation of the city of Madrid as hosts of the new Davis Cup for the next two years in Madrid, Spain, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018.

Associated Press

## Pique says Rafael Nadal to play in new Davis Cup format

By **TALES AZZONI**  
AP Sports Writer

**MADRID (AP)** — Gerard Pique is not worried about the possible absence of some top players in the revamped Davis Cup, especially since Rafael Nadal has said he will play in the new-look competition when it debuts next year. The Barcelona defender, who spearheads the company behind the new format of the Davis Cup, said Wednesday that Nadal has told him he will play as long as he is not injured. "If the No. 1 in the world is playing, that's more than enough," Pique said in the official presentation of Madrid as host of the Davis Cup finals for the next two years. "Rafa is very positive about this event, especially because it is taking place in Madrid."

The new event was developed in a partnership between the International Tennis Federation and the investment group Kosmos, which was founded by the Barcelona and Spain player. Pique said he knows it will not be easy to have all top-ranked players participating.

"This is a team event, so it's impossible to have all the top players involved. Some teams won't qualify, not everybody will be able to play anyway," Pique said. "Of course we would like to have the top players,

but we want to focus on the teams." Stars such as Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer have already hinted they don't intend to play. Djokovic said the tournament could be competing with the ATP's World Team Cup, while Federer said the revamped Davis Cup didn't seem to be designed for him.

Pique said he already didn't expect Federer to be playing, noting the Swiss veteran has limited his tournament schedule in recent years and might not "have the legs" to play in the Davis Cup again. He said he still hoped to convince Djokovic, though.

"I have a lot of confidence that we can negotiate and the top players will play," Pique said.

The new format of tennis' top team event will be a season-ending, 18-team tournament, but teams will still play matches in February to advance to the championship in November. The Davis Cup has previously been played over four weekends throughout the year.

The first championship will be held next year from Nov. 18-24 on an indoor hardcourt at the Magic Box arena, which already hosts the Madrid Masters. The ITF said players will compete for prize money that will rival what is offered in Grand Slams. □



In this Feb. 12, 2011, file photo, then-Rep. Mary Bono, R-Calif., listens at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington.

Associated Press

## Bono resigns as USA Gymnastics president after 4 days

By **WILL GRAVES**,  
AP Sports Writer

When former California Congresswoman Mary Bono took over as the interim president for USA Gymnastics last week, she pointed to the opportunity to "reconnect" with a sport she loved growing up. The connection lasted all of four days. Bono stepped down on Tuesday, saying she felt her affiliation with the embattled organization would be a "liability" after a social media post by Bono criticizing Nike and former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick drew widespread scrutiny within the gymnastics community. She posted a picture on Twitter in September of herself drawing over a Nike logo on a golf shoe. Bono, who was at a golf tournament for families who have lost members of the armed services at the time, called the tweet "an emotional reaction" to Nike's use of the phrase "believing in something even if it means sacrificing everything."

"I regret that at the time I didn't better clarify my feelings," Bono said in a statement. Bono defended her right to express her beliefs, though she later deleted the tweet and the

USA Gymnastics board of directors expressed its disappointment while pledging its support.

Not everyone, however, was won over by the surprise decision to hire Bono to help USA Gymnastics navigate its way through the fallout of the Larry Nassar scandal. More than 200 women have come forward over the last two years claiming they were sexually abused by Nassar under the guise of treatment during the former doctor's time at USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University, including current or former members of the organization's elite program. Olympic champion Simone Biles, who is among Nassar survivors, quote-tweeted Bono's photo concerning Kaepernick on Saturday and wrote: "(asterisk)mouth drop(asterisk) don't worry, it's not like we needed a smarter usa gymnastics president or any sponsors or anything." Biles, a Nike-sponsored athlete who will compete at the 2018 world championships in Qatar next week, said on Monday she felt compelled to speak up.

"Being a Nike athlete, you have to stand up for your brand," Biles said. Six-time Olympic medalist Aly Rais-

man, herself a Nassar survivor, has been a strident critic of USA Gymnastics for what she considers to be its continually tone deaf response to herself and other victims of abuse. Shortly after Bono was brought on, she questioned Bono's association with a law firm that advised the organization on how to handle portions of the Nassar scandal. Raisman tweeted Tuesday night her objection to Bono was not "personal."

"The stakes are high in our sport right now, (and) it's essential new leadership be disconnected from the influences that allowed these terrible things to happen," Raisman posted.

It never came close to getting that far, leaving USA Gymnastics on the search for its fourth president in the last 18 months. Steve Penny resigned under pressure from the United States Olympic Committee in March, 2017. Penny's replacement, Kerry Perry, took over December 1, 2017 but stepped away in September after USOC president Sarah Hirshland said the organization "is struggling to manage its obligations effectively and it is time to consider making adjustments in the leadership." □



# Risk of streaming fatigue as Walmart, AT&T, Disney join fray

By **MAE ANDERSON**

**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — As

Walmart, AT&T and Disney join stalwarts such as Netflix in streaming video and creating original shows, a reality sets in: Not all will survive. Over the past week, Walmart announced plans to partner with MGM Studios on original shows for Walmart's video-on-demand service, Vudu, while AT&T's WarnerMedia said it would create its own streaming service centered on HBO and Turner properties. Disney, meanwhile, is buying Fox's entertainment businesses to beef up its planned streaming service, set to debut next year.

Add to that some existing, but little-known services, such as Filmstruck, Sundance Now, Mubi and others that offer older movies or niche offerings to subscribers.

These companies are trying to keep up with the changing tastes of consumers as they stream video on demand rather than rely on traditional cable subscriptions. But consumers have limited funds to spend; streaming behemoths like Netflix and Amazon got an early start and a lion's share of subscribers so far.

"Too many services (are) going after the same con-



In this Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, file photo, a person displays Netflix on a tablet in North Andover, Mass. Associated Press

sumer and piece of the pie," Wedbush analyst Dan Ives said. "Streaming represents a significant market opportunity for the coming years but ultimately (streaming video) will have a few clear winners and a graveyard of those vendors that will fail."

In a way, the overabundance of streaming services echoes the proliferation of too many cable channels in the traditional cable

model and the old complaint of "so many channels and nothing is on." Back then, cable companies forced you to get those channels and raised monthly fees regularly. Now the power is shifting to the consumer: if they don't want to watch something, they don't buy it.

The streaming market is growing, although at a slowing pace. EMarketer expects the number of

people who use one or more video services in the U.S. to grow about 4 percent to 206 million by 2020. Google's YouTube and Netflix are the clear winners so far. YouTube has an estimated 191 million users and Netflix about 133 million, according to eMarketer. Amazon has been nipping at its heels, with an estimated 90 million.

Newer upstarts will face a tough battle to compete.

Each company is hoping its own exclusive content will pique viewers' interest. Walmart and MGM will debut an update on "Mr. Mom." WarnerMedia has HBO's arsenal of hit shows like "Game of Thrones." Disney has an endless stream of popular movies such as "Frozen" and the "Star Wars" and Marvel franchises. It's also planning original shows based on those franchises. Companies risk extinction if they cannot create their own versions of "Must See TV" shows of the past, said Seth Shapiro, a professor at the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts.

"How many things are people going to want to pay for at once? How many subscriptions can the market bear?" he said. Services "that are sort of nice to have but not really essential will fall by the wayside." The contest has parallels to the DVD-by-mail competition more than a decade ago. In 2002, Walmart created its own online DVD rental service to compete with Netflix.

But the retailer ended that in 2005 and transferred its customers to Netflix, signaling the world's largest retailer couldn't beat the internet upstart at its own game. □

# Google to charge for apps on Android phones in Europe



This July 19, 2016 file photo shows the Google logo at the company's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Google plans to start charging smartphone makers to pre-install apps like Gmail, YouTube and Google

Maps on Android handsets sold in Europe, a response to a record \$5 billion antitrust fine imposed by the European Union.

The U.S. tech company's announcement Tuesday is a change from its previous business model of letting manufacturers install Google's suite of popular mobile apps for free on phones running its Android operating system.

Device makers will also now be able to install rival modified, or "forked," versions of Android, the most widely used mobile operating system.

The company is taking the measures to comply with the July ruling by EU authorities that found Google allegedly abused the dominance of Android to stifle competitors.

Google is introducing the changes at the end of October to meet a deadline set out in the European Commission's decision, which it is appealing in a process that could take years.

EU regulators decided it was unfair for Google to force smartphone makers that used Android to also install its apps.

The company argued that giving away its open-source operating system resulted in cheaper phones and more competition with chief rival Apple. Google said in a blog post that it had to start charging to make up for lost rev-

enue as a result of the EU enforcement measures.

"Since the pre-installation of Google Search and Chrome together with our other apps helped us fund the development and free distribution of Android, we will introduce a new paid licensing agreement for smartphones and tablets shipped into the EEA," Hiroshi Lockheimer, Google's senior vice president for platforms and ecosystem, wrote in the post.

The European Economic Area includes the European Union's member countries, which now number 28, plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. □



# Stocks partly erase early losses as trading remains shaky

By **MARLEY JAY**  
**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. stocks are slipping Wednesday after the Federal Reserve said some of its policymakers argued that the central bank should raise interest rates to a level that slows economic growth slightly. After years of record low rates, the fact that some policymakers are talking about using them to slow the economy is a big change.

Banks are rising on the prospect of faster increases in interest rates, but technology companies and retailers are falling. Homebuilders are sinking after the Commerce Department said construction of new homes dropped in September, and retailers are also sharply lower.

Stock trading has been erratic recently, and the market is coming off its biggest gain in more than six months. Earlier this month the benchmark S&P 500 index went through a six-day losing streak that included huge drops last Wednesday and Thursday. Then on Friday the S&P 500 jumped 1.4 percent, its biggest rally in three months, fell on Monday and surged even more on Tuesday. Trading had been steady from late June to early October.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 index fell 8 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,801 as of 2:30 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slumped 139 points, or 0.5 percent, to 25,659. It lost as much as 319 points Wednesday morning before briefly turning higher. The Nasdaq composite slid 38 points, or 0.5 percent, to 7,607. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks skidded 12 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,584.

**MINUTES MADE:** The Federal Reserve released minutes from its meeting in late September, when it raised interest rates for the third time this year. A few participants believed that the Fed's key interest rate would need to "become modestly restrictive for a time" to make sure inflation doesn't climb too high.



In this Oct. 2, 2018, file photo trader Sal Suarino works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

**Associated Press**

Other officials felt the Fed shouldn't take that step unless there are signs the economy is overheating and inflation is rising quickly.

**CRIBS:** U.S. home construction fell 5.3 percent in September, according to the Commerce Department. The pace of homebuilding has slowed since May, and the report is the latest sign that the combination of rising home values and increasing mortgage rates may be weighing on the market. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said the average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage last week reached its highest level since 2011.

Lennar gave up 2.6 percent to \$42.97 and PulteGroup shed 3.6 percent to \$22.78. Home Depot fell 4.2 percent to \$185.45 and Lowe's sank 3.3 percent to \$102.45. The home improvement retailers have climbed in recent years as rising home prices pushed many homeowners to renovate their own homes instead of trying to buy new ones.

**BANK ON IT:** Insurer Prudential rose 2.1 percent to \$99.91 after regulators lifted the strict government oversight that was imposed

on the company after the 2008-09 financial crisis. Prudential was deemed "systemically important," which meant it was subject to special restrictions because of its importance to the financial system. It was the last company still carrying that label. Elsewhere, JPMorgan Chase added 1.2 percent to \$109.96 and M&T Bank climbed 1.9 percent to \$161.69 after its third-quarter report.

**BIG BLUES:** IBM sank 7.3 percent to \$134.57 after its sales in the third quarter fell short of analysts' estimates. The technology company is on track for its worst loss since April. Other large technology companies also slumped. Oracle retreated 0.9 percent to \$47.79 and Apple lost 0.6 percent to \$220.07.

**ENERGY:** Energy companies declined as U.S. crude lost 3 percent to \$69.75 a

barrel in New York. Brent crude, the international standard, fell 2.2 percent to \$79.65 a barrel in London. Wholesale gasoline lost 3 percent to \$1.92 a gallon and heating oil fell 1.2 percent to \$2.31 a gallon. Natural gas jumped 2.5 percent to \$3.32 per 1,000 cubic feet.

**THE NEXT EPISODE:** Netflix added 3.6 percent to \$358.83 after the streaming video company said it picked up 7 million subscribers in the third quarter, a total that was above Netflix's own projections as well as analyst forecasts. The stock set a record high in early July, but a week later, Netflix announced disappointing subscriber totals and gave a weak forecast and its stock tumbled. It is still about 15 percent

below its highest price.

**BONDS:** Bond prices headed lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.17 percent from 3.15 percent.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar rose to 112.23 yen from 112.18 yen. The euro fell to \$1.1535 from \$1.1578.

**METALS:** Gold slipped 0.3 percent to \$1,227.40 an ounce. Silver lost 0.3 percent to \$14.66 an ounce. Copper fell 0.1 percent to \$2.78 a pound.

**OVERSEAS:** Germany's DAX and the French CAC 40 both fell 0.5 percent. In Britain, the FTSE slipped 0.1 percent.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 jumped 1.3 percent and the Kospi in South Korea advanced 1 percent. Markets in Hong Kong were closed for a holiday. □

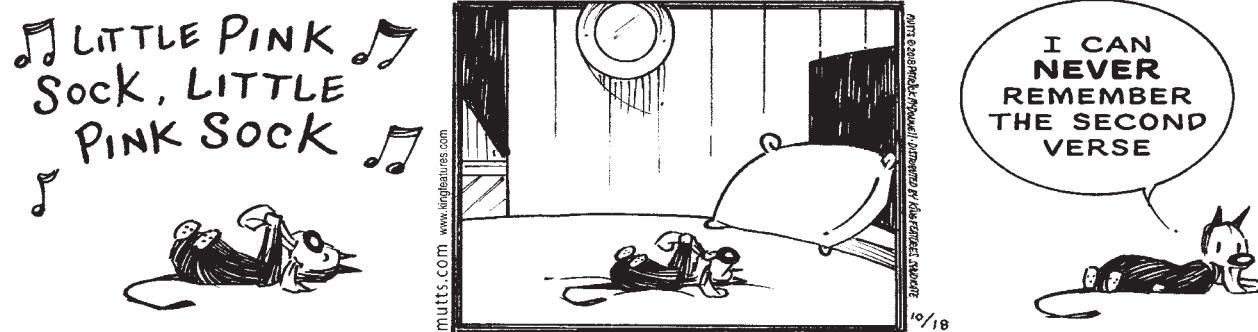
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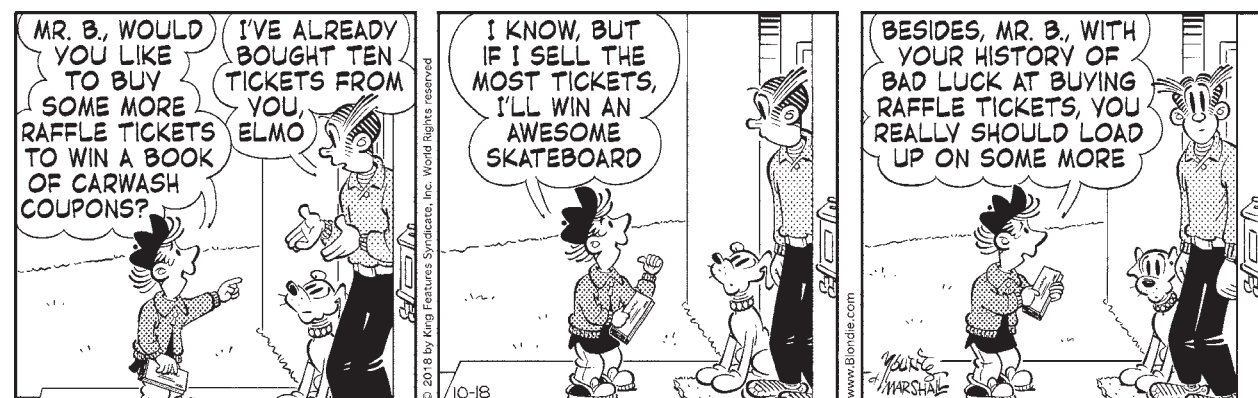
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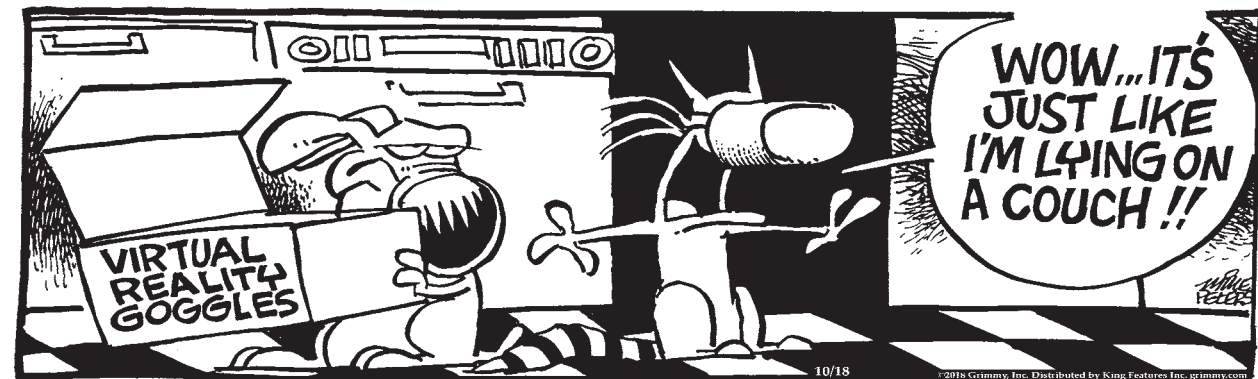
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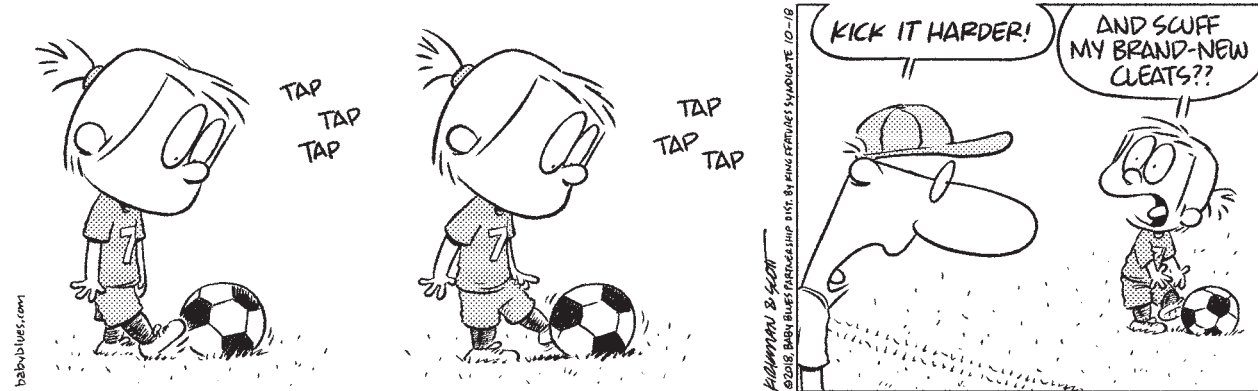
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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## ACROSS

- 1 Hope or Newhart
- 4 Two-wheelers
- 9 Belt-maker's tools
- 13 Eager
- 15 Kick out
- 16 Small store
- 17 Lunch spot
- 18 Paddled boat
- 19 Dishonest person
- 20 Geometric shape
- 22 Acting award
- 23 Novak and Basinger
- 24 Regret
- 26 Plot
- 29 \_\_\_ as an eel
- 34 Arthritis symptoms
- 35 Most populous nation
- 36 "Let sleeping dogs \_\_\_"
- 37 \_\_\_ like; imitates
- 38 Sound of cymbals
- 39 Ice cream treat
- 40 Fraternity letter
- 41 Blackboard user's need
- 42 Outer garments
- 43 \_\_\_ lamp; portable light
- 45 Most devious
- 46 Victory
- 47 Lab bottle
- 48 Astonish
- 51 About to happen
- 56 Remain optimistic
- 57 Opposite of "teach"
- 58 Midday
- 60 Skunk's defense
- 61 At \_\_\_; roaming free
- 62 Actress Storm
- 63 Heavy weights
- 64 Go into
- 65 Thoreau's monogram

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- 3 Liver secretion
- 4 Turned into
- 5 Lend's namesakes
- 6 Picture card
- 7 Sci. of the environment
- 8 Directing; guiding
- 9 \_\_\_ at the switch; inattentive
- 10 On a \_\_\_; impulsively
- 11 Rich soil
- 12 Nimble
- 14 Oliver Twist's creator
- 21 Conway and Allen
- 25 "\_\_\_ Lazy River"
- 26 \_\_\_ plugs; engine igniters
- 27 Hidden supply
- 28 \_\_\_-miss; haphazard
- 29 Layered rock
- 30 Chain piece
- 31 Wed without fanfare
- 32 Carnival attractions
- 33 Bread ingredient
- 35 Big family group

- 38 Bedsread fabric
- 39 On a cruise
- 41 TV crime drama series
- 42 \_\_\_ in; wearing
- 44 Proprietors
- 45 Wrongdoer
- 47 Brink; threshold
- 48 Fired a gun
- 49 Commotion
- 50 Come \_\_\_; find
- 52 Cruel
- 53 Go separate ways
- 54 Webster or Wyle
- 55 Wedding ring material
- 59 Hair bonnet





This undated photo provided by the Santa Barbara Zoo shows Asian elephant Sujatha, right, at the Santa Barbara Zoo in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Associated Press

## California zoo euthanizes beloved 47-year-old elephant

Associated Press

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)**

— A California zoo had to euthanize one of its most beloved and oldest residents, a 47-year-old Asian elephant named Sujatha, officials said Wednesday. Sujatha was euthanized in her enclosure on Tuesday surrounded by her caretakers at the Santa Barbara Zoo.

CEO Rich Block said in a video posted on Twitter that Sujatha's death "is perhaps the most difficult moment" in his 20 years at the facility.

"And I know for the people that care for the elephants this may be the toughest moment in their entire career," Block said. "There is no way to describe the sadness that is felt."

Sujatha had been in declining health for the past few years but was able to live comfortably with treatment, Block said. Her well-being declined precipitously in the past couple weeks and she stopped responding to treatment, he said.

Sujatha and her female companion, Little Mac, arrived at the zoo from India in 1972, when they were just 1½ years old, and they've lived together ever since.

After Sujatha was euthanized, zoo officials say they allowed Little Mac to visit her in hopes of helping the grieving process.

Zoo officials say elephants are known to grieve for their companions and that if Little Mac is too distressed about losing her best friend or would like to be around other elephants, she could be moved to another facility.

Block praised Sujatha and Little Mac for being "ambassadors for Asian elephants in Santa Barbara for 46 years."

"Children who first met them in the 1970s have brought their own children, and some even their grandchildren, to meet these wonderful creatures," Block said in a statement. "We are grateful to Sujatha and Little Mac for how they have enriched all our lives." □

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# Oldest fossils on Earth? New look finds might just be rocks

BY SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — What were billed as the oldest fossils on Earth may just be some rocks, according to a new study.

Two years ago, a team of Australian scientists found odd structures in Greenland that they said were partly leftovers from microbes that lived on an ancient seafloor. They were said to be 3.7 billion years old, which suggests life formed quicker and easier than thought after Earth formed.

But on Wednesday, the journal *Nature*, which published the 2016 study, released new research using NASA technology that concludes the structures found on rocks were likely not fossils but more rock.

The Australian scientists, however, still maintain they are.

The new work was done by NASA astrobiologist Abigail Allwood, who had found the previously oldest fossil at nearly 3.5 billion years old. When she read the 2016 paper, she thought



In this July 2012 photo provided by Laure Gauthiez, scientists Vickie Bennett, Allen Nutman and Clark Friend examine rocks in Greenland.

"there was something not quite right" so she went to Greenland and looked herself.

Allwood found the shapes, the weathering and mostly the interior layers of the structures didn't fit with this

type of fossil, called stromatolites. One even was growing in what she called the wrong direction.

Then Allwood used a version of an instrument that's being sent to Mars in a few years to create a chemi-

cal map of the structure. She said it didn't have the chemical signature of fossilized life.

Three outside experts told The Associated Press they agree with the newest research; none thought they

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were fossils as suggested by Allen Nutman at the University of Wollongong in Australia.

A claim of such an old fossil requires several lines of evidence, "so scientists were impressed but not convinced by Nutman's work," said University of Connecticut's Pieter Visscher. He said he was persuaded by Allwood's thorough work that it was not a fossil.

Nutman and his colleagues released a statement defending their work.

They said Allwood took samples from the far end of one of two sites and didn't test the original specimens when offered.

"This is a classic comparing apples and oranges scenario, leading to the inevitable outcome that ours and their observations do not exactly match," they said in the statement.

Said another of the outside experts, Marie Catherine Sforza of the University of Liege in Belgium: "The search for traces of early life is without any doubt a difficult task and often raises controversy." □

## Global warming to leave us crying in our costlier beer



This Wednesday, April 19, 2017 file photo shows the beer cooler behind the counter in a convenience store in Sheridan, Ind.

Associated Press

By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Add beer to chocolate, coffee and wine as some of life's little pleasures that global warming will make scarcer and costlier, scientists say. Increasing bouts of extreme heat waves and drought will hurt production of barley, a key beer ingredient, in the future. Losses of barley yield can be as much as 17 percent, an international group of researchers estimated.

That means beer prices on average would double, even adjusting for inflation, according to the study in Monday's journal *Nature Plants*. In countries like Ireland, where cost of a brew is already high, prices could triple. The findings come a week after a dire United Nations report described consequences of dangerous levels of cli-

mate change including worsening food and water shortages, heat waves, sea level rise, and disease. Study co-author Steve Davis of the University of California, Irvine, said the beer research was partly done to drive home the not-that-palatable message that climate change is messing with all sorts of aspects of our daily lives. Several scientists who weren't part of this study said it was sound and perhaps more effective way of communicating the dangers of global warming. "One of the greatest challenges as a scientist doing research on climate change and food is to illustrate it in a way that people can understand," U.S. Department of Agriculture scientist Lewis Ziska said in an email. Few people would complain if global warming ruined Brussels sprouts, he added. Scien-

tists have long known that barley "is one of the most heat-sensitive crops globally," but this study connects that to something that people care about — the price of beer — so it's valuable, said David Lobell, a Stanford University agriculture ecologist. Davis, an IPA fan, is one of those people who care. "This is a paper born of love and fear," he said. Worldwide barley is used for all sorts of purposes, mostly feeding livestock. Less than 20 percent of the world's barley is made into beer. But in the United States, Brazil and China, at least two-thirds of the barley goes into six-packs, drafts, kegs, cans and bottles. Davis and colleagues looked only at the combination of heat waves and drought, not the general warming that also should affect where barley is grown. □

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## Roseanne's TV son: Filming 'The Conners' without Barr 'odd'

By JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "The Conners" star Michael Fishman says dealing with the cancellation of "Roseanne" reboot was heart-breaking but describes the return of the cast in the revamped show without Roseanne Barr as a gift. Fishman was among "The Conners" stars who came out for the premiere of the show on Tuesday night at the Paley Center — the same night it made its debut on ABC.

Barr was fired from "Roseanne" after making a racist tweet about Valerie Jarrett, a top official in the administration of former President Barack Obama. Barr tweeted over the summer: "Muslim brotherhood & planet of the apes had a baby=vj." She was dismissed shortly thereafter and the show was canceled.

Fishman plays Roseanne's son DJ on the show, and had been a part of "Roseanne" since he was a boy. He describes moving on without Barr in the spinoff as "odd."

"We had such a close relationship and we think about her all the time. But, at the same time, we know as a group that we kind of



This image released by ABC shows Lecy Goranson, from left, Laurie Metcalf and Sara Gilbert in a scene from "The Conners," airing Tuesdays on ABC.

collectively have taken the decision to carry the legacy, and so it's important for us to do it right," Fishman said.

But it was a little nerve-racking before the spinoff was announced.

"Well it was a heartbreaking summer, but then the idea of coming back was just kind of this amazing gift. You know this will be the third time that we're all together in this way and trying to bring these charac-

ters to life. And it's a really special opportunity," Fishman said.

The Nielsen company said Wednesday that 10.5 million people tuned in, larger than any other ABC show this new season. But it didn't come close to the 18.2 million people who watched the first episode of the "Roseanne" reboot last spring.

Lecy Goranson, who plays Becky, says Barr's firing initially affected so many

more. "I think what people don't understand is it's not just the cast or the writers. We have a huge crew that was also put out by all of this, and people who not only love to work, but they love to work with each other," Goranson said.

The new series begins after the death of Barr's character from an opioid overdose.

Goranson thinks that while Barr's infamous tweet was racially insensitive, she

doesn't believe that Barr is a racist.

"I feel like the comment was racist. I think undeniably it was. And part of what I thought was what it must be like to be a black person in America and grow up to hear those comments, whether it's at the grocery store or in the media or wherever you are, over and over and over again. And how that must chip at yourself over time, even — especially if it's casual," Goranson said. However, Goranson says she doesn't think Barr's tweet reflects who she is as a person. Nevertheless, she feels Barr acted irresponsibly. "Do I think Roseanne is a racist? No. Has she ever said a racist thing to me one time? Never. So, to me it was a political thing. It was a mistake. But you know, if you're that — if you're on the forefront of a show and you're the star — you have to take accountability for what you say and do. And, unfortunately, this was the outcome, and it's devastating," Goranson said.

Co-stars Sara Gilbert and John Goodman were also at the premiere, but declined to walk the red carpet. □

## For Ed Asner, comic-books and autism are family matters



This Oct. 8, 2018 photo shows Ed Asner, right and his son Matt Asner posing for a portrait at Golden Apple Comics in Los Angeles to promote an internet comic-art auction that will be held Wednesday, Oct 17, to raise funds for The Ed Asner Family Center.

Associated Press

By MIKE CIDONI LENNOX

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Even at age 88, actor Ed Asner still hangs out at the comic-book store with his kid.

Early last week, the Asners could be spotted at Hollywood's legendary Golden Apple Comics. But they weren't shopping.

Instead, the two were promoting an internet comic-art auction to raise funds for The Ed Asner Family Center.

The sale by Heritage Auctions went live on Wednesday.

Founded earlier this year by the actor's son, Matthew, and daughter-in-law, Navah, the center offers programs and educa-

tion for both special-needs children and their families. The star of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Lou Grant" and the lead voice in the Pixar animated favorite "Up," Ed Asner has a son and three grandchildren with autism.

"They're (all) beautiful people," the actor noted. "And, at the same time, they need all the help they can get maneuvering through life. The Family Center is designed to help them do that."

Father and son have had a comic-book connection for decades, when the two would buy a couple of new comic books before the elder Asner would take his son to work on "The

Mary Tyler Moore Show."

Matthew became a serious comic-art fan, so the idea of an auction to raise funds for a permanent home for the center came about organically. The pair caught a break when Matthew's tweet asking for donations got a response and assist by the revered, award-winning comic artist Kevin Nowlan. "His tenacity helped us to get to some of the greatest artists in the business: Alex Ross, Sam Kieth, Bill Sienkiewicz," said Matthew. Among auction highlights are rare original cover art from "Captain America," "Astro City" books, as well as three donations from Nowlan himself. □



# 'The Hate U Give' should be seen by everyone

By **LINDSEY BAHR**  
**Associated Press**

"The Hate U Give" begins with a scene at the family dinner table where a father is giving his young kids "the talk" — the one in which he explains to his 9-year-old daughter, Starr, and toddler son exactly what to do when they're pulled over by a police officer. Hands on the dashboard. No sudden movement. Answer the questions directly. Don't elaborate.

A teenage Starr (played by Amandla Stenberg, who gives an astonishing performance) is narrating this memory. She's as surprised as the audience is that this "talk" was given at such a young age. But it's one that will stay imprinted on her. For Starr and her family and friends, it's a matter of life or death. And it's a scenario that will come back in the most horrifying way imaginable.

"The Hate U Give," a popular young adult novel by Angie Thomas, is adapted with deft skill by Audrey Wells, a prolific and deeply humane screenwriter



This image released by 20th Century Fox shows Amandla Stenberg in a scene from "The Hate U Give."

and filmmaker who died last week from cancer, and lovingly directed by George Tillman Jr. It's love that permeates every corner of this very prescient and effective drama that should be seen by moviegoers of all ages.

Starr Carter leads what she describes as a double

life. Her home is in Garden Heights, a poor, predominantly black neighborhood that her father, Maverick (Russell Hornsby) loves and feels attached to. Her prep school, Williamson, is wealthy and predominantly white and something that her mother, Lisa (Regina Hall), deems necessary. And she navigates these two versions of herself with self-prescribed decorum for both. "Williamson Starr doesn't give anyone a rea-

son to call her ghetto," she says. "And I hate myself for doing it." She keeps her white boyfriend Chris (K.J. Apa), and friends (Sabrina Carpenter and Megan Lawless) at a distance from her home life, which she manages pretty well until the night when she witnesses her childhood best friend, Khalil (Algee Smith), get shot by a white police officer at a traffic stop. It's a scene made only more devastating by how

sweet everything is right before it happens. Starr and Khalil run into each other at a party that gets broken up and he offers to drive her home. He's a little changed, sporting some fancy new clothes and shoes, as he's started working for a local drug lord, King (Anthony Mackie), to help support his family and pricey medical bills. The two high schoolers talk about music, and flirt and Khalil leans in to kiss Starr. On its own, this sequence is straight out of the best high school rom-coms, before it turns into a horror film.

Khalil's killing becomes a national story and Starr is torn about what to do. Testify? Go public? Put her name out there? Not only would she be exposing herself to her school pals, but back at home King and his cohorts have threatened her family, fearing that she would put their operation in jeopardy, too. This debate leads to some fascinating conversations — illuminating and disheartening — between various people, including her uncle Carlos (Common), who is also a police officer, and a fiery activist, April (Issa Rae). But the most moving talks are the ones with her family. □

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## The former Haley Bonar is wordless on 'Pleasureland'

By **PABLO GORONDI**  
**Associated Press**

HALEY, "Pleasureland" (Memphis Industries) In 2016, she was Haley Bonar and "Impossible Dream" was her album of gliding power-pop and cinematic textures. Last year, she changed her name to Haley McCallum, now performs as HALEY and "Pleasureland" is an album of instrumentals which purges power-pop and expands the cinematic feel. HALEY says her decision to go wordless came in response to the 2016 U.S. elections and her difficulties with finding the right terms to express herself but even without lyrics, the passion in



This cover image released by Memphis Industries shows "Pleasureland," a release by Haley.

the generally brief compositions is unmissable. Leading the way with piano and synths, HALEY occasionally also straps on an electric

guitar with the tunes also featuring a handful of musicians like Mike Lewis on saxophone and Erica Burton on violin and viola. □



# Tough-as-nails rocker Elle King learns to love herself

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
Associated Press

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — A few weeks ago, Elle King was in a rehearsal hall in Nashville, Tennessee, going over guitar licks from a new song with her band mates who were all wearing matching jackets that read “Brethren” on the back. The musicians were trying to get a handle on the new material from King’s upcoming album.

“It’s impossible for any guy to hit on me because I am like constantly surrounded by, like, at least eight dudes at a time, all in matching jackets,” the 29-year-old King joked.

But the posse of long-haired men has actually come in handy once when King got in a fist fight with another girl. “They just kind of picked me up and took me out,” King said.

King decided to name her band The Brethren because they had all come together like a family to record and write songs for “Shake the Spirit,” the follow-up to her 2015 debut “Love Stuff,” which resulted in two Grammy nominations for her hit song “Ex’s and Oh’s.” Writing with members of the band in Los Angeles and recording together in a studio in rural Texas helped King get through a particularly tough and emotional year. King had secretly eloped in 2016 with Andrew Ferguson, a man she had met just weeks prior, but a year later, she announced on Instagram that they had split.



In this Sept. 20, 2018, photo, singer Elle King poses in Nashville, Tenn., to promote her new album, “Shake The Spirit,” out Friday.

Throughout it all she was in a deep hole of depression, dealing with substance abuse and what she’s described in a social media post as post-traumatic stress disorder.

“I was really digging the bottom of the barrel and I was a wreck,” King said. “I was just so sad all the time.” That’s when her Brethren band mates showed up to support her. Guitarist Cameron Neal and Paul DeVincenzo, who plays bass, started going to her house in L.A. and writing for days on end.

“We knew that writing for her was helping her to get to a better place,” said Neal. “If she wanted to stay

at home for 10 hours a day and just write, we would do it, surrounded by disco balls and furry blankets. We always saw the best in Elle when she was picking up a guitar and playing music.” What came out on the album, out Friday, are songs like “Good Thing Gone,” an emotional roller coaster in the vein of a classic Motown torch singer. She sings, cries, wallows and whispers her feelings through lyrics like “I never fully had faith, you see, ‘cause I always knew you’d fall out of love with me.”

“Every song was just like another layer away from just this sadness and this darkness,” King said. “We’re all

very together and bonded through this experience.” She gathered the band in a Denton, Texas barn-turned-studio to do the recordings, some of which she had to do in one take because she started crying.

“I just remember crying and singing like, ‘Girl, you gotta get through this, you gotta get through this. Use your pain,’” King said. But King keeps it light-hearted for most of the record. She jokes about a certain sexual act in “It Girl,” calls out a cheating ex by admitting her own infidelity on “Man’s Man,” and gives her own version of a crying-in-your-beer country blues song on “Sober,” when she

promises “I’ll fix it all when I’m sober.”

The album ends on a redemptive song for King called “Little Bit of Lovin’.” The guitar-heavy rock anthem features King’s raspy, growling vocals backed by a choir of harmony singers. She had originally wrote the lyrics as, “There ain’t no more lovin’ left in this heart of mine,” but then decided that wasn’t right. She changed it to, “I still got a little bit of lovin’ left in me.” At the midpoint of the song, she gives an empowered sermon on love, strength and hope.

“It was like my spirit was singing to me and being like, ‘Yo! Snap out of this, girl! You got this and you can do this,’” she said.

King has a reputation for being a strong-willed and tough-as-nails woman, a rock ‘n’ roller of the old-school variety. But she admitted to some trepidation about singing the new songs live, especially now that she’s not relying on crutches like alcohol.

“I don’t want to hide behind anything anymore,” King said. “It’s nerve-wracking to go onstage because when you’re drunk, you’re like, ‘I don’t care! This is great!’” “There are people out there that don’t know how to love themselves,” King said. “I don’t care if people say that’s not rock ‘n’ roll or whatever. I am rock ‘n’ roll as hell, man. And I went through all of this and I was just so broken and I came out of it OK, and better. Way better.” □

## Puppeteer who played Big Bird on ‘Sesame Street’ retiring

Associated Press

**WOODSTOCK, Conn. (AP)** — The puppeteer who has played Big Bird on “Sesame Street” is retiring after nearly 50 years on the show. Carroll Spinney announced in a statement Wednesday that he’s handing over Big Bird and his other character, Oscar the Grouch, to

younger performers. The 84-year-old joined “Sesame Street” at its inception in 1969.

Spinney says he didn’t feel like his work was important until Big Bird helped him find his purpose.

Spinney says the physical requirements of performing the characters had

become difficult and he developed problems with his balance. He stopped doing the puppeteering for Big Bird in 2015 and now only provides the voices for him and Oscar.

His apprentice, Matt Vogel, will succeed him in the Big Bird role. Vogel also plays Kermit the Frog. □



In this April 10, 2008, file photo Lynn Finkel, stage manager for “Sesame Street” slates a taping with Big Bird in New York.

Associated Press



# Even tech execs fret about their kids' smartphone addictions

By **MICHAEL LIETKE**

**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Like a lot of parents, Mike Herrick occasionally sees his 13-year-old daughter getting lost in her smartphone and wonders: Is technology messing with children's brains, even as it enlightens and empowers them in ways that weren't possible when his generation grew up?

What sets Herrick apart is his job. He is a product and engineering executive at Urban Airship, a company in Portland, Oregon, that makes online tools that send the kind of relentless notifications that can make people act like bears near a honey pot.

The tensions between the pride Herrick takes in his profession and his parental qualms about technology tug particularly hard when he sees his daughter, Lauren, and her friends texting each other instead of talking — when they're sitting 5 feet apart. Or when he hears a friend jokingly describe him as a "mobile arms dealer."

At times like those, Herrick worries that technology may be having a corrosive effect on society, even though he feels no regrets about his job because he unequivocally believes that Urban Airship's tools are a net benefit to people.

"You can't help but feel the juxtaposition," says Herrick, 44. "The power of this age we live in is that it has given everyone access to all this information and the ability to stay connected to people, but how do we manage it better?"

It's a question besetting other technology executives, too. Many say they're trying to reconcile their fulfillment from working in a financially rewarding industry that they say has made life more efficient, enjoyable and affordable for people with their misgivings as parents about the addictiveness of devices and social media that now define much of daily life.

Technology "can be like opening your refrigerator



**In this Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, photo Urban Airship product and engineering executive Mike Herrick works at his desk with photos of his daughter, Lauren, and wife Erin at his side in Portland, Ore.**

**Associated Press**

door when you are hungry and just staring into the abyss," says Keith Messick, chief marketing officer for Dialpad, a specialist in phone systems that incorporate voice controls and other artificial intelligence. "That's when I recoil just a little bit."

He is especially troubled when he sees his own 13-year-old son mindlessly thumb at his screen. Messick also worries that the ease of texting and posting on social media is turning kids into poor communicators who write things they'd never say in person or in a phone conversation — on the rare occasion when they use their devices to make a call.

"This is the world we live in,"

Messick says. He says he still believes that technology's "positives far outweigh the negatives."

Most parents have similarly mixed feelings about technology, whether or not they work in the industry. About two-thirds of U.S. parents worry that their teenage children spend too much time immersed in a screen, according to a survey released in late August by the Pew Research Center. Nearly three-fourths of parents said they thought their teenagers were sometimes distracted by their phones during conversations with them.

Yet 86 percent of the parents say they're very or somewhat confident that they have determined an

appropriate amount of screen time for their teens. Slightly more than one-third of parents acknowledged spending too much time on their phones themselves, the survey said.

The concerns about children's rising dependence on technology extend beyond parents. They sometimes also vex other relatives, like aunts and uncles. One of them is Apple CEO Tim Cook, who revealed in a public appearance this year that he tries to keep his nephew off social networks.

Apple is trying to address some of the problems it helped create with the 2007 introduction of the iPhone by offering more features for parents to monitor and control how much time they and their kids spend on the devices. The new tools, part of the latest version of an iPhone operating system released last month, can even be deployed to keep kids off distracting apps like Facebook, Snap and Instagram completely — or just at certain times of day. Google included similar controls in its latest version of the Android operating system, which powers most of the world's smartphones.

Instagram co-founder Kevin Systrom thinks that is a

good idea. He is already vowing to limit his now-10-month-old daughter's eventual exposure to devices and social media as she grows up.

At the same time, Systrom, 34, is hoping his daughter will embrace technology as he did when he began using computers and surfing the internet as a boy. He credits his own early fascination with technology for inspiring him to create Instagram — an app with more than 1 billion users whose success has rewarded him with an estimated personal fortune of \$1.5 billion.

"Obviously, like anything — whether it's food, or drink — moderation is key," Systrom says. "I think we are in a world where we have to develop opinions on what that moderation is and how to do it."

Brian Peterson, Dialpad's co-founder and vice president of engineering, loves his job and technology, too — so much so that gave both his daughters iPads around the time they were 2.

It seemed fine at first, because they were using the tablets on instructional apps that helped them learn things like playing a virtual piano. But then he started to notice that the girls, who are now 6 and 4, seemed to be spending most of their iPad time watching YouTube videos of other kids playing with toys or doing something else that he and their mother wished they weren't.

"That is when we had our freak-out moment and said, 'Hold on a moment, no more of this drug,' Peterson says.

Now, he has decided to hold off on getting his daughters smartphones until they reach middle-school age — or, even better, as presents when they graduate from high school and are ready to head off to college.

"I am just praying by the time that my kids really need a smartphone, they have really good parental controls, Peterson said. □



**This Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, file photo shows the cameras on the back of the Google Pixel 3 XL, left, and Google Pixel 3 smartphones in New York.**

**Associated Press**